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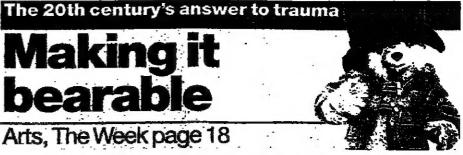
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PM delights conference with attack on integrity of 'old school tie' Blair

# Major: Now it's personal

OHN Major yes terday surprised and delighted his party faithful with a mocking attack on the in perience of Tony Blair that will become a central theme of the Conservative re-election strategy.

The Prime Minister's speech at the end of an unex-"the week the Tory family came together," he declared - was full of voter-friendly pledges which Labour quickly denounced as lies, boasting

But the strand of personal mockery the Prime Minister directed against the man he seeks to portray as a public school and Islington elitist — "New Labour, Old School Tie" — confirmed that Mr Blair is the election target his ministers have been firing at credibility they must break if the Tories are to have any

chance of recovery.

The Tory tabloids are beginning to talk of a presidential struggle between "Honest John" and "Phoney Tony" and Mr Major departed from his official text to expand on that theme. He also used it to try to defuse the sleaze allega-tions against Tory MPs which Labour is determined to

Acknowledging that his everybody in it", Mr Major insisted that "this party as a whole is straight and honour-able and true". Unlike New its past, had not abandoned substantial address the most its principles, had not had to re-invent itself.

"It simply won't do for Mr Blair to say 'Look I'm not a socialist any more. Now, can I be prime minister, please?'
Sorry, Tony, the job's taken.
And anyway it's too big a task

for your first real job."

He derided Mr Blair's "Age of Achievement" speech in Blackpool last week. "Have you noticed how the less a politician has to say, the more which he says it? When every aim becomes a 'crusade' every hope a 'dream', every priority a 'passion'?" He capped it with a line of Emer-

Tory officials and MPs complain that their chief is on the | dicted the Eurosceptics would receiving end of similar jibes and yesterday could point to Labour's party political broadcast on Thursday night. in which Spitting Image pup-pets were used to present Mr Major as grey, indecisive and

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Major struggles to close a 20 point gap in the polls. Later in his speech, he contrasted his own schooling with "the sort of privileged education Mr Blair and Ms Harman had. You know what they say 'New Labour, Old School Tie'."

The Prime Minister presented himself as the latest in a long line of "Opportunity for All" Tory leaders, from Disraeli to Margaret Thatcher. "By people I don't mean some recole I mean

our party," Mr Major said. He buttressed it with re-heated pledges on key policy areas like law and order — a plan for "tagging" convicted children as young as 10 -education, "dole to dignity" welfare reforms and the fam-iliar promise of lower taxes, a

The most significant policy priority was Mr Major's renewal of his 1992 pledge to increase spending on the NHS every year if he wins a fifth Tory term — presented as a "health service guarantee".

In a well-delivered but in-

Bradwell. With his party uniting behind the Cabinet's European policy after Kenneth Clarke's fighting speech on Thursday. Mr Major told his troops that he will be touring the country

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mean some people, I mean everyone ... opportunity for all. It's in the bloodstream of

warmly received and — in non-election terms — most important passage concerned Mr Major's challenge to the Sinn Fein leader, Gerry Adams, over the bombing of the Army's Lisburn headquar-ters, which yesterday cost the

to win.
"I didn't come from two policies before election day.

life of Warrant Officer James

these occasions. The theme

of the conference was ordi-nariness, and he was, as

ever, triumphantly ordi-

Times used in Major speech

□ Britain

basic rate of 20p, but only when it is affordable.

capped it with a line of Emerson: "The louder he talked of
his honour, the faster we
counted the spoons."

Tory officials and MPs comlove," he said. Labour presoon break the truce and Mr Major surprised some MPs by hinting on Sky TV that he might still change his Euro-

Leader comment, page 8;



John Major yesterday . . . voter-friendly pledges and attack on Tony Blair's 'inexperience' PHOTOGRAPH GRAHAM TURNER

# It all points to a dirty, per-A triumph of the ordinary over the not too bad

# Sketch

Simon Hoggart

HE Prime Minister was promising a very personal election tour. "If you want to know where I am, it's very easy!" he said. "North, south, east or west, I'll be where you are!" Steady on, I thought. The last person to make the claim of omnipresence was

Jesus. We knew Mr Major

was feeling more confident, but this was ridiculous.

It's true that he is a little

more at ease each year on

nary, thunderously not too bad, stupendously just about OK.

What he manages to evoke, in the midst of the vast hall, with its eager, shiny audience, its banks of cameras, its pulsing mega-watt sound system, is the raffle draw at a Conserva-

tive bring-and-buy sale. The PM began with the first of his nervous little jokes. As the applause washed up around him, he said: "For a moment I thought Norma had got up to speak! Now if I can have the hat, please, yes, the prize of dinner for two at the Bournemouth Balti House goes to number . . ." (I made the second bit up, but it gives you the mood.) He has an unnerving

habit of pausing for a punchline, and just when you expect a really belting gag, produces a stumer. One good line ("I was born in the war. My father was 66. My mother was — surprised") was followed after an anguished pause with; "I recognise that laugh. That's Robert Atkins!" (an old friend whom he sacked last year.) The expected laugh-ter is swallowed back by the

audience like an unwanted

burp.
A Major speech should be like a Sunday afternoon stroll in the country. But things keep going wrong. You snag your Val Dooni-can sweater on the barbed wire. You get your brogues stuck in the mud.

Phrases which are meant to sweep you along hold you up instead. On Labour and devolution: "Their policy is in chaos. They change side more often than a windscreen wiper." But wind-screen wipers stick to their own side of the car. don't they? And what does "we did it with raw political gut" mean, exactly? "It's been 21 years since

Michael Reseltine first got a standing ovation at this conference. And no one has sat down ever since!" You suppose you know what that means, but you can't work out why he put it like that. Meanwhile, the speech

moves onward, but without Suddenly he's talking about sending sports stars into schools, as role models Who? Chris Eubank? Gazza? Vinnie Jones?

What's he on about? The most moving segment came when he spoke directly to Gerry Adams about the death of Warrant Officer Bradwell this week. "Don't tell me this has nothing to do | name yet.

with you. I don't believe you, Mr Adams!" It reflects the Government's new total disdain for Mr Adams, and it sounded sincere.

He was far less convincing when he glossed over the lat-est Kash for Kwestions scandal. "This party, as a whole, is straight and honourable and true..." (Oh, come on.)
And just silly when he tried
to depict Labour as the party
of entrenched privilege:
"New Labour — Old School

It ended amiably enough. The Grand Star Prize in the raffle turned out to be an election victory, but we haven't got the winner's

after a tive year old Dunblane victim. and her class mates were given a picture were given a picture of a guinto colour. **World News** 

The struggle for ... power in the Kremlin reached fever pitch as Boris Yeltsin's rivals were accused of plotting his downfall.

Three executives of a small merchant bank are sharing a pay and perics package of more than -£8 million.

Sport

Manchester United made a paper profit of £39 million as the share price soared on rumours of a takeover bid.

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# OHN Major made a pitch yesterday as the uncle, if not the father, of the nation. It was his way of patronising Tony Blair, young Mr Blair he salled him a schoolbox asni.

Avuncular John

pats a few heads

called him, a schoolboy aspirant for the top job, a lad who has no experience of "grownup politics". Plainly we are entering the most presidential election in British history. As ideas have merged, the people, and above all the leaders, are what mat-ter. Mr Major and his han-diers have decided the image

Commentary

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Young

pered in struggle, is the Tories' strongest suit. This leader's sense of per-sonal primacy, however, is the same as Mr Blair's. Each man has egomania thrust upon him. Mr Blair thinks that if he, and he alone, was universally seen as the voice of New Labour, his party would walk into power.

of the grey-beard uncle, tem-

Mr Major is sure, and many in and out of his party agree with him, that if he personmise the Tories' chances of averting the calamity which is about to roll over the hill. So Mr Blair was yesterday's main target, with a subtle change of direction. The old litany of attacks on the unreconstructed socialists who are about to eat the Labour leader for breakfast has been

stuff about the man himself. Every time you hear the word "smarmy" springing apparently fresh from the brow of a tabloid feature writer or other Tory hack, be on notice that this comes from the Conservative news manipulators, who are hop-ing by dint of repetition to

make "smarmy" Blair as infa-mous as "windbag" Kinnock. Mr Major had a go at it. with his reference to old school ties, and the comparison with life at the bottom of Coldharbour Lane, Brixton. But the substance of his message was that these juvenile are not fit to be trusted with the British economic miracle. He was relaxed, more amused than amusing, preposterously avuncular, a man making the best of the 17 years the Tories

have had in power. Kenneth Clarke and John Major between them are the pair who, for the first time. have shown how this eternity in office might yet be converted from an albatross into a bird of happy omen.

In one respect, they have an advantage that is, for better or worse, inextinguishable. There was no doubt yesterday about the kind of world for which the Tories speak. It will be the same as the last 17 years, only more so. Although light on dramatic new policies, and unoriginal in vision, the speech could hardly conally could meet every voter in the country, he would maxipositions merely speak — and this Opposition is more crabbed in the promises it dares to make, and less credible, through sheer absence of

a record. This, if you like what's happened and want to hang on to it, is a much more potent message than the Tories' own juvenilia, smearing graffiti dev-



# We agree with the Harriet Harman on the right.

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# **Parental Choice Matters**



Bishop Carlos Belo, honoured for seeking 'to protect his people from infringements by those in power' at the risk to his own life

# Timor peace activists win Nobel prize

Jon Henley in Helsinki and John Aglionby in Jakarta

Roman Catholic bishop of East Timor, and Jose Ramos-Horta, an exiled resistance leader, were declared the joint winners of this year's Nobel Peace Prize yesterday for their efforts to bring peace to the former Portuguese territory and by Indonesia 20 years ago.
The award, which

prompted annoyance in Indonesia but was widely ap-plauded elsewhere, was the most overtly political since the Burmese opposition leading international spokes-leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, man for East Timor's cause". won in 1991, and immediately sparked fears of fresh repression on the island. Bishop Belo and Mr Ramos-

Horta were honoured "for their sustained and selfsacrificing contributions for a small but oppressed people", the Norwegian Nobel Committee said in its citation. "Bishop Belo ... has been

the foremost representative of the people of East Timor. At the risk of his own life, he has tried to protect his people from infringements by those in power." Mr Ramos-Horta, aged

Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim nation, invaded the mainly Catholic East Timor in 1975 and later declared it its 27th province. The United Nations has never recognised the annexation, which is believed to have cost about

The occupation sparked outrage after the massacre of about 200 pro-independence protesters in November 1991, an incident which Bishop Belo urged the government to investigate. Two generals were dis-missed, and several army offi-

200,000 lives.

The committee said award to Mr Ramos-Horta. Indonesia had "systematically | One diplomat said: "li oppressed" the people of East

In Jakarta, a foreign minis-try spokesman, Ghaffar Fadyl, said: "It is quite a surprise and quite regretiable that that such a reputable institution has de-cided to give this prize to a per-son like Ramos-Horta, who has quite clearly been involved in the manipulation of the people of East Timor for his own interests.

The spokesman declined to comment on the award to Western diplomats in Ja-

One diplomat said: "It's a

very bizarre decision, espe-cially as far as Ramos-Horta is concerned. Bishop Belos has made a contribution to human rights in Indonesia, but Ramos-Horta is not a peacedecision as "ill-informed". Amnesty International

warned of possible repercussions. "Our worry is that it will be met with repression." said Rory Mungoven, its programme director for Asia. The Nobel committee's chairman, Francis Sejersted, said the committee was they

# **Dunblane anger at** school gun gaffe

John Carvel Education Editor

COTTISH education chiefs offered an unreserved apology last night after five-year-old survivors of the massacre at Dunblane primary school were asked to colour in work-sheets featuring pictures of

The sheets were handed out as part of an alphabet lesson for children who were settling back into school life after the which claimed the lives of 16 of

A report of Lord Culien's inquiry into the tragedy is due to be published next week.

Amy Hutchison, who was shot in the knee during the attack by Thomas Hamilton, brought the colouring sheet home in her satchel last week. Her mother, Veronica, said it was part of an exercise to test children's knowledge of

vowels.
"I found the worksheet in "I found the worksheet in tion of children. You don't get Amy's school bag. It consisted W for war in colouring books,

of 15 drawings of objects like do you? I would appeal to box. They were given a first letter and the last letter and had to put the vowel in the for this sort of thing." middle and then colour the picture above it," Mrs Hutchison

"One of the pictures was of a handguri. It had the letters G and N underneath and the chil-dren were asked to fill in the other children who had sur-vived the massacre were pres-ent at the lesson. "The teacher was very apologetic. She said she would check everything in future to make sure it would never happen again. I am led to believe these sheets have been in circulation for a long long time—the copyright date is 1987—and I think they had

just not been checked previously. "To me gun is not a word we should be using in the educa-

Mrs Hutchison said her daughter still had nightmares about being shot in the leg by Hamilton. "She is walking much better now, but she never talks to me about what sheet that Amy hadn't she did not want to inust the did not want to touch it."

Mrs Rutchison said several other children who had survived the mass of the said several other children who had survived the mass of the said several other children who had survived the mass of the said several other children who had survived the mass of the said several other children who had survived the mass of the said several other children who had survived the mass of the said several other children who had survived the mass of the said several other children who had survived the mass of the said several other children who had survived the mass of the said several other children who had survived the mass of the said several other children who had survived the mass of the said several other children who had survived the said se year-old child trying to protect her parents." Mrs Hutchison said she phoned other parents to warn them as soon as her daughter brought the picture home. "I found it very distress ing and I did not want anyone else upset. They are all shocked. I dread to think how the families who lost a child would feel if a brother or a sis

ter brought this home.". Gordon Jeyes, director of education for Stirling council, which is responsible for the Dumblane school, accepted the worksheet was "insensitive

# A pat on the head from Uncle John for Blair

continued from page 1 il's eyes on a leader whom the public plainly thinks quite undemonic. It makes voters look at low inflation, falling unemployment and now perhaps ris-ing house prices. It also gave the party faithful something to believe in, as a reason to keep up the fight against the incred-lble 25 per cent poll deficit. To that extent, the confer-ence provided significant ther-

apy for the divisions that sear modern Conservatism. Many people were puzzling over the contrast between the ferocious anti-leadership hysteria on the fringe, generated by the Europe question, and the pro-leadership frenzy that gave Messrs Rifkind, Clarke and

Major so much better a recep-tion than they dared expect.

I think part of what's hap-pened is that the cohort of anti-lieves, with contempt for all tion than they dared expect.

I think part of what's happened is that the cohort of anti-

been given a reason to think the economy, after all, can do the trick. And if not the economy, then the sheer, well-mer-ited rightness of Mr Major being given another term. But those are the minority of the anti-Europe army, and the least committed. The conference was well-managed, and three of the leaders rose defi-

EU hysterics who took that his enemies, in the story he line because they thought it has to tell But in the end, he is not the sum total of his party. Beneath the presidency, been gathered back into the there's a parliament full of Beneath the presidency, there's a parliament full of Tories who regard the coming election as high noon for the sovereignty of an independent body of the party. They've At Bournemouth, they weren't just dabblers in fringe politics, the usual eccentrics ready to

come back into the fold. They see their Issue as one that requires extreme measures, because once the Europe pass is sold it can never be re-

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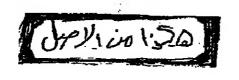
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# S Africa reels as Malan walks free

BUSI NTULI said outside supreme court yester-day: "South Airican law has been like this and it's always going to be The outcome of what has been described as one of

South Africa's trials of the century — the acquittal of top military commanders of the apartheid era over the massacre of a priest, five women and seven children in a Durban township on January 21, 1987 — left most of the country in shock.

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father was the priest, and his three sisters were among those killed in the attack on the bouse of his brother Victor Ntuli — an anti-apartheid activist — in KwaMakutha township. This massacre formed the basis of the prosecution case against 16 defendants.

There were some, of course who were celebrating. Beaming broadly outside the court, General Magnus Malan — the highest-ranking apartheid official to face charges for his work in combating opponents of white rule - said the verdict was a victory for truth and democracy.

"While our country is staggering under waves of crime, corruption and stress an important event took place here today," he said. "All those who believe in democracy can gain hope for the future from today," he said. "All those who believe in democracy can gain hope for the future from this. Today the truth has to perpetrators of apartheid-

prevailed."

Gen Malan and his coaccused had denied operating
death squads which, the pros-

Gen Malan — who as head of the armed forces, and then de-fence minister, led one of the most ruthless killing ma-chines in Africa — offered "a special word of thanks to President [Nelson] Mandela; we are informed that it was due to him that we were able to defend ourselves in this were co-opted by the 1980s o defend ourselves in this purt of law."

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Mr Mandela reacted to the learner of which were co-opted by the 1980s apartheid regime to combat the ANC. About 100 Inkatha

courts, this society will degenerate into private ven-geance and extra-legal activi-

aimed at preventing black anger welling up in the wake of the acquittals. "Judicial findings, based on cold and dispassionate analysis of the evidence ... must be respected even — or espe-

walk free out of the court that people know that you did this. You still have to face your

warning in the statement for era atrocities. The Truth Commission had not taken a decision whether to investi-

have been acquitted."

The trial was a battle-ground for Mr Mandela's ruling African National Congress, and the Zulu-dominated Inkatha Freedom Party

verdict with rectitude, issu-

cially — by those who are ag-grieved by these findings," Mr Mandela said. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, commenting at hearings near Cape Town of his Truth Com-Mr Ntuli had a special mission investigating the ex-reason for bitterness. His cesses of the apartheld era. spoke more directly to the mood of the townships. Court

verdicts, he pointed out, say "very little about moral guilt .. The court acquits because the evidence is not sufficient

God." In a joint statement issued later with his deputy chairman, Alex Boraine, Bishop Tutu said the court's decision only showed that the Truth Commission "offers a better prospect of establishing the truth about our past than criminal trials".

And there was a word of

death squads which, the prosecution argued, carried out the 1987 massacre.

Declaring that "our hearts go out to the next-of-kin of the victims of KwaMakutha", Gen Malan — who as head of the control of

ing a statement accepting the finding and emphasising his respect and confidence in the judiciary. "Without confidence in the

ties," the president said.
His statement was clearly Inkatha's secretary-general, Tribunal in The Hague. KwaZulu-Natal attorney-general who prosecuted the case, Tim McNally, of succumbing to political pressure to pro-

ceed on the basis of insufficient evidence.
Grounds for this accusation were strengthened by Justice Jan Hugo, who complained in his two-day judgment that witnesses who could have corrob-orated the state's case against Gen Malan and his co-defendants had not been called.

> THE state's case was heavily dependent caprivi training camp and the incorporation of many of its graduates into the police whom were in some of whom had subsevolved in the training of the "Caprivi 200" — a group of Zulus alleged to have been responsible for the Kwa-Makutha massacre who had been trained at a secret camp

run by South African mili-tary intelligence in Namibia. Captain Johan Opperman — previously in charge of covert training of members of the Angolan rebel movement. Unita — was a commander at the camp who claimed to have passed on orders for the Kwa-Makutha operation, and Ser-geant Andre Cloete testified that he took 10 Caprivi trainees through "dry runs" for the massacre.

But both men were accomplices and their evidence needed corroboration. Other witnesses were available — touchables' statement said. needed corroboration. Other witnesses were available — notably Daluxolo Luthuli, the commander of the Caprivi 200 — but were never called.

Members of the Investiga-tion Task Board, the govern-ment-appointed unit which in-vestigated the Malan case, were nicknamed the "Untouchables", having been recruited in the belief that they were beyond the influence of the police and military officers

they were hunting.
The key member of the unit. Colonel Frank Dutton — cele-brated for his success in nailing police officers responsible | Leader comment, page 8



Untouchables at the outcome

of the Malan case was evident

in a statement they issued

the accused in accordance with long-accepted legal prin-

ciples and we must respect the finding," they said. But their investigations had

revealed clear evidence of hit squads operating in the region of KwaZulu Natal over

the last 10 years."
The task force had con-

firmed the existence of the

quently been involved in hit

squad activities. It had pro-duced "prima facie" evidence that "high-ranking officers" had been involved in the KwaMakutha massacre.

The court had accepted that

the massacre had been car-ried out by trainees recruited by inkatha and trained in the

Caprivi under the supervi-sion of Capt Opperman and Sgt Cloete of the South

African Defence Force's "di-

African Defence Force's "directorate of special tasks".
The judge had accepted that
AK47s used as the murder
weapons were procured by
the military.
The case had "supplied an
insight into the operations of
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"Much of this evidence stands uncontested. It is often said

that courtrooms are not the

best places for the exposure of the full picture."

The statement said the ITU would report on the wider

information at its disposal "in due course".

ney-general, Mr McNally, wished the accused well yes-

terday. "Justice was seen to be done by the whole world," he said.

The KwaZulu-Natal attor-

"The court has acquitted

yesterday.



A victim of Inkatha raids on the ANC fuelled by the regime

## The case

THE trial was centred on accusations that the former apartheid government waged a dirty war against its opponents.

In a seven-month trial, 16 men faced counts of murder and conspiracy for a 1987 death-squad massacre in the KwaMakutha black township, south of Durban. Thirteen people were killed at the home of an antiapartheid activist, Victor Ntuli.

A broader "catch-all" charge accused the de-fendants of conspiring to eliminate opponents of the regime between 1986 and 1989.

THE DEFENDANTS Magnus Malan: former defence minister and armed-forces chief. aged 65. The most senior apartheid-era official to face charges linked to the killings of opponents.

15 co-defendants: Six Zulu police, Inkatha fighters who received special military training in the 1980s, accused of carrying out the Durban attack; a top Inkatha official. M.Z. Khumalo; three generals, two majors, a

vice-admiral, a brigadier and a senior policeman.

THE DEFENCE Gen Malan admits he helped set up Operation Marion, a plan to train the Zulu-dominated Inkatha Freedom Party to attack groups linked to the African National Congress.

He claims the operation was legitimate and younger renegade officers ran it autonomously; if its forces had a part in the Durban massacre, he was unaware.

THE JUDGMENT Justice Jan Hugo condemned key prosecution witnesses as liars, rejecting much of the evidence from a for-mer military intelligence officer, Captain Johan Opperman, and his assistant, Sergeant Andre Cloete. He denied them immunity from future prosecution.

He said Gen Malan and other top generals were involved in planning a military operation against antiapartheid figures, but had no intention or idea it would include hit squads.



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Sir James Goldsmith talks to Hugo Young

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## **News in brief**

# **Accountant jailed for** theft of church funds

AN accountant, who funded a luxurious lifestyle by plundering Church of England coffers of more than £237,000, was yesterday jalled for three years. Dean Balley, aged 34, described as a "Walter Mitty character", splashed out on £100 opera tickets, paid for boxes at Lord's Cricket Ground and took a five-star holiday in the Caribbean.

Passing sentence at Southwark crown court, Judge Stephen Robbins told Bailey, of Bethnal Green, east London, that the money he had stolen from the Diocese of London over five and a half years had been taken while he was in a position of trust. Bailey pleaded guilty to 12 sample charges of theft and one of attempted theft.

Jim Sturman, defending, said of his client: "He is a Walter Mitty-type character. He gave some of the money away to people under the arches and the homeless in doorways."

# Woman aged 87 raped

POLICE are hunting a rapist who subjected an 87-year-old woman to a sustained sex attack lasting up to five hours at her home in

Silksworth, Sunderland, on Wednesday.

Detective inspector Jim Campbell said: "It is vital that our inquiries reach a successful conclusion at the earliest possible opportunity as there is a danger of a repeat of this terrible crime. The victim, who is quite a resolute lady, has been helping us as much as possible as she is anxious that no one else should have to go through what she suffered."

# Mandela praises 'friend' Blair

NELSON Mandela welcomed Tony Blair to South Africa yester-day with praise for the Labour leader's youth, his party and remarks which almost amounted to political backing. "I know the election is coming and I will not interfere but these are our friends and I wish them well," said Mr Mandela after the two emerged from a 40-minute chat at Tuynhuys, the president's Cape Town

## Labour MP dies of cancer

TERRY Patchett, the soft-spoken Yorkshire miner who became Labour MP for Barnsley East, died yesterday after a long fight against cancer. Mr Patchett, aged 56, was one of the last of a breed of manual workers until he entered Parliament. He was elected 13

At the last election he commanded a rock solid majority of almost 25,000. A byelection is likely to be called quickly by Labour. In February Mr Patchett, a self-effacing but convivial MP, ignored his doctor's advice and attended the crucial Commons vote on the Scott report on arms to Iraq, when there was a possibility of a government defeat, travelling 400 miles by ambulance. John Major won by one vote. — Michael White

## Mother must stay in jail

A MOTHER jailed for repeatedly refusing to obey a court order for contact between her four-year-old daughter and her ex-partner must stay in prison, the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday. Judge William Poulton had sent the 30-year-old woman to Holloway prison for six weeks at a hearing at Canterbury crown court on Thursday after she falled for the eighth time to take her daughter to an arranged contact meeting with the father.

Lord Justice Ward, who ordered that she not be named, said esterday: "The stark reality is that this is a mother who has frequently set herself on a collision course with court orders." There had been "not a single word of regret" from the mother for her disobedience. Judge Poulton had bent over backwards to see her point of view, but "eventually even his boundless patience

# Dentist jailed for fraud

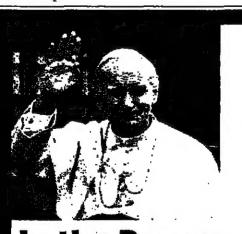
A DENTIST was jailed for a year yesterday for defrauding the NHS of about £20,000 by pretending he was being called out on ncies. Ha Wai Edmund Chan, 41, who ran a dental surger in Rushden, Hampshire, treated patients in working hours, then claimed they had been treated on a Sunday and dishonestly claimed on-call payments. He admitted 13 charges of false ac-counting, one of forgery, and one of attempting to pervert the

# Prince names new secretary

THE Prince of Wales has promoted his deputy private secretary to succeed Commander Richard Aylard as private secretary. Stephen Lamport, aged 44, a career Foreign Office diplomat who was seconded to the prince's office in 1993, is expected to take over

by Christmas, when Commander Aylard is expected to leave.

The prince's press secretary, Sandy Henney, said the appointment was for a period to be mutually agreed between the prince



Is the Pope a catholic? Not when he played football.

> **Exclusive interview** with the Pope's best mate... a Polish Jew.

The Observer

# Warning, by Jenny Joseph

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me. And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer

And satin sandals, and say we've got no money for

I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells And run my stick along the public railings And make up for the sobriety of my youth. I shall go out in my slippers in the rain And pick the flowers in other people's gardens And learn to spit.

You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat And eat three pounds of sausages at a go Or only bread and pickle for a week And hoard pens and pencils and beermats and things in

But now we must have clothes that keep us dry And pay our rent and not swear in the street And set a good example for the children, We must have friends to dinner and read the papers.

But maybe I ought to practise a little now? So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised When suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.

# Evergreen

status for a poem about growing old

ARNING, a rhap-sody on the de-lights of growing old disgracefully written by Jenny Joseph, was last night voted Britain's favourite post-war

She beat two Poet Laureates, John Betjeman and Ted Hughes, and scored "a resounding victory" over two modern favourites Ste vie Smith's Not Waving But Drowning and Dylan Thomas's verse Do Not Go Gently Into That Good Night. These were placed second and third.

Her victory was an-nounced last night on BBC1 in a poll of 7,500 viewers,

Vivek Chaudhary

TEENAGER accused of

murdering headmaster Philip Lawrence told the

Old Bailey yesterday that it was another boy, wearing his coat and basehall cap, who stabbed him outside the school.

The youth, who cannot be named following a court

order, said that after a violent

confrontation with another

pupil outside St George's

Philip Lawrence murder trial

hears tales of teenage gangs

Ms Joseph, aged 61, a for-mer journalist, lecturer and pub landlady, heard the news while preparing for a poetry reading at Dorchester last night in aid of one of her favourite charities, the Living South "I am very pleased that

so many people like my poem. I have had a lot of touching letters about it."
A senior scholar at St Hugh's College, Oxford, she was a journalist on the Oxford Mail and was expelled from South Africa while working on the radi-

cal Drum magazine.

Ms Joseph has published number of award-winning books of poetry. Last year she won a £1,000 Forward Prize for In Honour of

who had a tattoo, punch Mr

Lawrence sideways. He added: "He was still

wearing my coat — the hood was up. He had a scarf across

his face. He started walking

him — he got pretty close to me. I saw a knife in his hand.

teacher in the heart. He did not seem at all panicked." He

told the court he saw the

blade, which "did not appear to have blood on it. I heard

screaming from the crowd -

the schoolchildren. It was from

towards me. I was waiting for

"He said he had stabbed a

Jenny Joseph . . . Has had 'a lot of touching letters' about the poem chosen Stevie Smith's | Daisy Goodwin said last

Poet Laureate, did not make the top 10. He received fewer votes than his ex-wife, the late Sylvia Plath, who just missed inclusion.

But his predecessor, John Betjeman, figured twice in | poll of favourite British held as the climax of Love. If she had voted in the 10, as did Larkin and poems from any period was National Poetry Week. the poll, she would have Thomas. BBC producer Kipling's If...

also denies conspiracy to

cause grievous bodily harm with a 15-year-old, who also

Giving evidence at the start

of the defence case, he admit-

ted he had been a member of

the Woo Sang Wu (WSW)

gang which, claim the prose

cution, pretends to be a juve-

He told the court that he went to St George's at the

request of a Filipino boy who was linked to another gang, known as the 14 K Dragons,

which claimed to have links

to Japanese yakuza. Questioned by John Bevan,

prosecuting, he said their in-tention had been to scare a

nile equivalent of the Triads.

cannot be named.

The teenager denies mur- pupil whom they believed had dering Mr Lawrence, 48, and | Yardie connections. He said

poem, or work by Ted Hughes or Philip Larkin. would have won if the poll Mr Hughes, the present had been for the nation's favourite poets. She called

Warning "a delightful, en-gaging poem which speaks to everyone facing the prospect of growing old with a sinking heart'

The winner in last year's

most of his group were

masked and at least one had a weapon, a pole.
Asked by his counsel.

David Spens, QC, why he later told an acquaintance that he had done the stabbing,

he said: "I was boasting. It

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After Mr Lawrence's kill

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Voted the top 10

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4. This Be The Verse (Philip

Drowning (Stevie Smith)

5. The Whitsun Weddings

B. Do Not Go Gentle . . .

(Dylan Thomas)

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ORE than a million of Britain's poorest taxpay-ers have been overcharged behas been issuing incorrect codes for at least three years.

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Among the largest groups affected are graduates and 18-year-old school leavers who spend a short period on bene-fits before beginning work.

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Teresa Hunter

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of a serious breach of PAYE

# Child sex tour boss sent to prison for 16 years

of the Virgin Mary on a jeep. "We investigated him and it led to his arrest. I drove him

to the police station and we filed a complaint."

Martin Cottingham, from

Martin Cottingnam, from Christian Aid in London, was another witness in the trial. He took a Paradise Express trip to the Philippines, posing as a tourist. "Clarke was offering a package deal with a flight there for £600 and then encouraging people to stay in

tion on Child Prostitution and Tourism. While they are de-lighted at Clarke's conviction.

they point out that most pae

dophiles and sex tourists

make their own way to the Philippines. Thailand and

other Asian and eastern Euro-

pean countries.

## Sarah Boseley on Filipino justice for a Briton who offered girls of 12 to clients

Roman Catholic school in screaming from the crow Maida Vale, west London, last December, he saw his friend, where Mr Lawrence was."

N THE first case of its kind, | we will be driving in a virgin a British travel agent was | charlot, and showed a picture jailed for 16 years by a court in the Philippines yesterday for offering sex with young children to tourists

who bought package deals. Michael Clarke, managing director of Eastbourne-based Paradise Express, is the first Briton to be convicted of pro-moting and inducing child prostitution. He said yester-day he would appeal, alleging the evidence, some of it col-lected by Christian Aid, had been fabricated.

encouraging people to stay in a hole-in-the-wall hotel in An-geles city," he said. Trippers were offered a card, which en-titled them to discounts on However, campaigners against the paedophiles and sex tourists who abuse children in exotic holiday loca-tions were rejoicing yester-day after Clarke was unmasked through the efforts drinks in certain bars where under-age girls could be bought. When Mr Cottingham asked Clarke about the availability of young girls, he was offered one aged 12. Christian Aid is one of seven charities that have formed the Coaliof charity workers in Britain

and the Philippines.

A response to his advert in Exchange and Mart brought a lurid brochure. "It was clear it was offering women, de-scribed as young ladies," said Shay Cullen, whose Preda Foundation campaigns against child prostitution in Olongapo City, where Clarke sent customers. "It spoke of young ladies who are tethered fillies ready to be mounted in the OK Corral (a bar). It said evidence that the Philippines was being used by paedo-philes after it emerged that the two Britons convicted in May of killing nine-year-old Daniel Handley were regular visitors for sex This summer the campaign-

ers won a significant victory, when the Government agreed to introduce legislation to allow offenders who escape prosecution abroad, by jumping bail or bribing officials, to be tried here for child abuse. The Clarke case was also helped by two Australian police officers stationed in the

to be deployed in the same "I hope this verdict makes more British men think twice about travelling to poorer countries to exploit children sexually," said Mr Cottingham. "But the case would never have come to court without clear interstinational." without close international co-operation between campaigners. Child sex tourism will only be significantly reduced if the same kind of

co-operation can be built be tween police forces." Both the Philippines and Thailand, the countries most notorious for child-sex tour-ism, have tried to crack down on both native and foreign of-fenders. In July, Steven Mitchell, 44, became the first



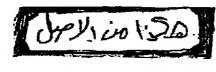
Travel agent Michael Clarke in Manila en route to 16 years in jail for promoting paedophile trips to the Philippines

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Philippines. Thailand and state paintened and period to be jailed for child shise in the Philippines. He was sentenced to 17 years for only this year, there was sexually abusing brothers other two prosecutions, or Swiss travel agents, pending said: "There is a terible commercial sex industry, properly this year, there was sexually abusing brothers to the prosecutions, or Swiss travel agents, pending said: "There is a terible commercial sex industry, properly this year, there was other two prosecutions, of

cians." In some places, he But Fr Cullen, who has an said, there were women who had worked in bars since they were children and then of-fered their own daughters because they knew no different.
But child sex tourism

would not exist if the demand were not there, he stressed. "Who are the abusers? Mostly wealthy men from abroad and in the Philippines." Clarke's conviction was at best, he



# Africans give Christopher cool response

Chris McGreal in Arusha

Saturday October

African leaders in the Tanza-nian town of Arusha yesterday, praising "African solu-tions to African problems" while urging them to change

nia, Kenya and Uganda. He was seeking support for US proposals to create an African military force to protect civil-ians from the ravages of conflicts, such as in Burundi.

At the same time Mr Chris-topher called on East African leaders to alter their unusu-ally unified approach to a regional crisis by easing their blockade of Burundi at today's summit. He received a lukewarm reception on both

The US has offered to help fund a standing force of 10,000 African soldiers with a United Nations mandate to create safe havens for civil-ians. Theoretically the troops would not engage in fighting although they would be auth-orised to use force to create safe areas. The US says it will meet half the £25 million cost if European governments

US officials were coolly received when they visited Europe last month to drum up financial support. France, perhaps fearing a threat to its military presence in Africa, said the plan was too vague. The US proposal is an ex-

pansion of plans by the for mer Tanzanian president Ju-lius Nyerere for African rundi — where 150,000 people have been killed and half the population driven from their homes by civil war. That scheme fell flat when Burundi's army threatened to resist

Tanzania "welcomed the concept" of the US plan, but behind the scenes African leaders are sceptical, especially about the proposal that the force should fail under UN authority, given the organisa-tion's dire record in Rwanda

Uganda's Yoweri Museveni has spoken of committing troops to such a force. Eight other countries have offered varying endorsements.

iel arap Moi, leader of the most powerful country in the region, barely concealed his hostility towards the Americans after being forced to unused in the

that the two storey house de

window screens was until recently a 'safe haven' for

Afghanistan's murdered ex-

The doom-laden building,

close to several deserted for-eign embassies, has already

bert Hull, the United Nations'

special envoy to Afghanistan,

Mission to Afghanistan can catch a glimpse of Najibul-lah's way of life: the parallel

bars on which he kept himself fit, the underground bunker, the long garden with pine and

As the physical environ-

ment which sustained the ex-president changes, Afghans and members of the interna-tional community who knew him are beginning to talk

about his last few weeks and hours before his death on

September 27, although most are unwilling to go on the

Piecing together their evidence, it now appears that Najibuliah left the UN compound willingly when a special hit squad linked to the Taliban militia reached the rates after extering Vehill

gates after entering Kabul

unopposed.
"We need you. We want to
ask you about the situation.

We will let you come back,'

they told him, according to a member of the compound staff who saw the encounter.

Najibullah believed them

At roughly 3pm that after-noon General Mohammed

Faim, the minister of ecurity in the mojahedin govern-ment, had offered to take him

northwards to escape the advancing Taliban, but he declined.
Najibuilah's tribe, the Ah-

madzai in the southern Afghan region of Gardez, had

already endorsed the Taliban, and as a Pashtun he thought

he could do a deal with them.

It was a catastrophic mis-take. He was taken to the

While pressing longer-term plans for an African intervention force, Mr Christopher said the world could not stand is moving in. The rooms where Najibullah, his brother, an aide, and a bodyguard spent four years in luxury imprisonment are being turned into offices.

Visitors to the UN Special Mission to Afghanistor and

must be prepared to act

Kenya barely hid his hostility

sider the crisis today. The US said Burundi's mili-

tary leader, Major Pierre Buyoya, should be rewarded for reversing his own edicts dissolving parliament and banning political parties after the coup.

African leaders are more sceptical, and divided. Tanza-

nia's president, Benjamin Mkapa, wants the blockade to continue until Mr Buyoya opens unconditional talks with the Hutu majority, in-cluding rebel leaders. Presi-dent Museveni is more sympathetic to arguments for easing sanctions, but his for-eign minister said they should be maintained.

The region remains among the most volatile in Africa. Beside Burundi's war, new fighting is flaring in eastern Zaire between the army and Zairean Tutsis. Hutu extremists continue to attack Rwanda, which has responded by shelling Zaire. Any of these intertwined crises could increase the killing and

> Argh, the nearby presidential palace where he had ruled for six years. He was beaten, tor-tured and mutilated. A doctor who examined his body after it was taken down from the public place where it bung saw marks of heavy beating on the torso, apparently from rifle butts or

> > What happened after the beating is pure speculation. Terry Pitzner, the American officer incharge of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in Afghanistan, fol-lowed Najibullah's fate closer than any other foreigner. As the designated link man be-tween him and the interna-

to its former state of poverty, chaos and instability," he warned. "The foreigners ... will laugh at us."

Cynics note that Malaysia's so-called money politics has thrived for years, bringing the growing convergence of nolitical clout and economic.

the former government. at Taliban up his life," Mr Pitzner said.
"In Islam that is important.
He may have insisted and

they shot him."

His body was suspended on a rope and put on public display alongside his younger brother, who was hanged to

We became friends. It was pleasure to see each other,' says Mr Pitzner, who brought along a satellite telephone on each visit to the compound so

Massoud's

to hit back

forces begin

that Najibullah could ring his wife and family in New Delhi. other blunt objects. Najibul-lah's testicles had been cut ing himself more by listening to the BBC. Mr Pitzner brought him books and other reading matter.

"I took him The Great Game, by Peter Hopkirk, a history of Afghanistan in the last century. It had a pro-found effect on him and he started to translate it into Pashtu. 'Afghans keep mak-ing the same mistakes. They ought to learn,' he told me."
In the last few months of his life Najibullah developed

relatively good relations with the mojahedin. He still felt he had a role to play, despite his poor domestic reputation as a

former ally of Moscow and head of the secret police. In that job he is said to have ordered the torture and killing of hundreds of prisoners whom he suspected of links

leave with honour,"

JONATHAN STEELE in Kabul describes the last hours of Afghanistan's ex-president

Najibullah's mortal mistake

appeared as the Taliban took Kabul Najibullah was left

Several UN officials in Ka-

arm, and he was still sitting | should do when staff at the compound told them the guards had gone. Anxious calls went on through the evening, but none of the officials was senior enough to act

tary chief Ahmed Shah

Massoud, whose envoys are

said to have visited areas

around the capital urging

only options were to hide Na-

in - something which would have required. To do this after dark in a city which was changing hands could only have been done by help from special forces. "Ultimately

thought to be planning the attacks from his Panjshir Valley stronghold, where

raids against Soviet forces in the 1980s — Reuter.

HE United States secretary of state, Warren Christopher, met East The Kenyan president, Dan-

their policy on Burundi.
Mr Christopher, on his first
visit to sub-Saharan Africa,
met the presidents of Tanzamake what was seen as a demeaning trip to Tanzania.

by if Burundi collapsed. "Should the situation in Burundi deteriorate further the international community

tarian catastrophe," he said. He apparently failed to per-suade East African leaders to ease sanctions against Bu-

President Moi of

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Of the three presidents at send millions of people flee-yesterday's summit, only ing across borders.

**Mahathir sees** off party rivals

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HE Malaysian prime ing corruption which, he said, minister. Mahathir Mohamad, is likely to huffle his cabinet and condito his half and conditions. reshuffle his cabinet and consolidate his hold on power after fending off a possible leadership challenge.

The triennial assembly of his United Malays' National

Organisation (Umno), which ends today, has curbed the ad-vance of his deputy and acknowledged beir, Anwar

Although triumphant in the general election last year, Dr Mahathir — who at 71 has been running Malaysia for 15 years — has come under sharp criticism from the Malay community for "selling out" on racially and cultur-ally sensitive issues. Since the 1993 assembly of

Umno, which dominates Malaysian politics, he has also seemed under pressure from his Mr Anwar.

Mr. Anwar's followers and associates have increasingly moved into posts in Umno, whose president and vicepresident become prime minister and deputy. But this year's assembly has checked

But Dr Mahathir then deliyered an emotional speech, tearfully appealing to the 1,300 delegates to fight grow-

"Our [Malay] race will col-lapse. This nation will revert to its former state of poverty, chaos and instability," he warned. "The foreigners ... will laugh at us."

political clout and economic

But Dr Mahathir's appeal seems to have been effective. Shortly afterwards the deleshortly afterwards the dele-gates voted for the party's vice-presidents and its policy-making 25-member supreme council. "A lot of people changed their voting lists after his speech," one dele-gate reported.

They ditched a prominent vice-president closely associ-

vice-president closely associ-ated with Mr Anwar. The foreign minister Ahmad Badawi, considered "Mr Clean" and an ally of Dr Mahathir's, took his

place. But not all Dr Mahathir's allies fared well. Mr Anwar will have to play a cautious waiting game but Dr Mahat-

News in brief

# Two held for disco bombing that led to air raid on Libya

A GERMAN woman and her Palestinian ex-husband have been acrested in connection with the Berlin disco-theque bombing which prompted the United States

air attack on Libya 10 years ago, writes Denis Staumon in Berlin.

The couple, identified only as Verena C and Ali C, have been charged with murder and causing an explosion in April 1986 at La Belle night club, a haunt of US soldiers

Dieter Neumann, said there were firm indications that the bombing was carried out on behalf of Libya.

The German authorities have also issued arrest war-rants for three former Libyan diplomats who were based in East Berlin during 1986, and for a Libyan intelligence officer. Two US servicemen and a

Turkish woman died in the night club blast, which led the US to bomb the Libyan cities stationed in West Berlin. of Tripoli Berlin's chief prosecutor, days later. of Tripoli and Benghasi 10

# Blueprint for South Africa

South Africa's constitutional assembly yesterday overwhelmingly endorsed a revised blueprint for post-apart-heid rule which it hopes to have in place by early 1997.

The reworked constitution was adopted by 369 votes, with one vote against and eight abstentions. It will now be seen by the constitutional court, which referred back the first draft. - Reuter.

# Market bomb

A bomb in a crowded Algerian market yesterday killed three people and wounded 72 in Ko-lea, south-west of Algiers, security forces said. — Reuter.

# US qualms

United States plans to evacuate a second group of Iraqi relief workers from Kurdish northern Iraq have been delayed for fear that some of the papers said yesterday. - AP.

workers may pose security risks to the US, state department officials said this New York Times.

Leader shot dead A leader of Bangladesh's ruling party, Obaidul Huq Babul. aged 45, was shot dead by un-known assailants in Dhaka's

## northern Mirpur district. police said yesterday. — AP. **New Zealand poll**

New Zealanders are widely expected to elect their first woman prime minister today - the Labour leader Helen Clark — in the first election fought under proportional representation, writes Giles Wilson in Wellington.

# Naked intolerance

Hindu fundamentalists in Gujarat state burned some 50 works by a leading Indian painter, Maqbul Fida Hüssain, a Muslim who portrayed a Hindu deity in the nude, newswith the mojahedin.

MASIR, a Taliban com-mander, inspects a

burning ammunition depot

in Bagram, where a mili-

tary air base was shelled yesterday by the forces of

"He was a man who wanted to walk out vindicated and

the cold war. The Russians

Many UN officials are still unhappy about the organisa-tion's failure to protect Najibullah. The only guards outside the compound were provided by the Afghan gov-ernment, and when they dis-

shells landed inside the base

perimeter during the hour-

long attack. The amount of damage is unknown.

others in the area just north of Kabul, seem to

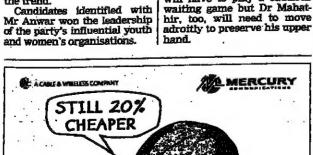
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without political clearance from Islamabad or New York. The last plane had already left for Pakistan before the Afghan guards withdrew. The

north of Kabul, seem to groups to turn against the have been part of an offen-

the UN relies on its member governments," said one offi-cial. "The Security Council had long ago chosen not to offer him protection."

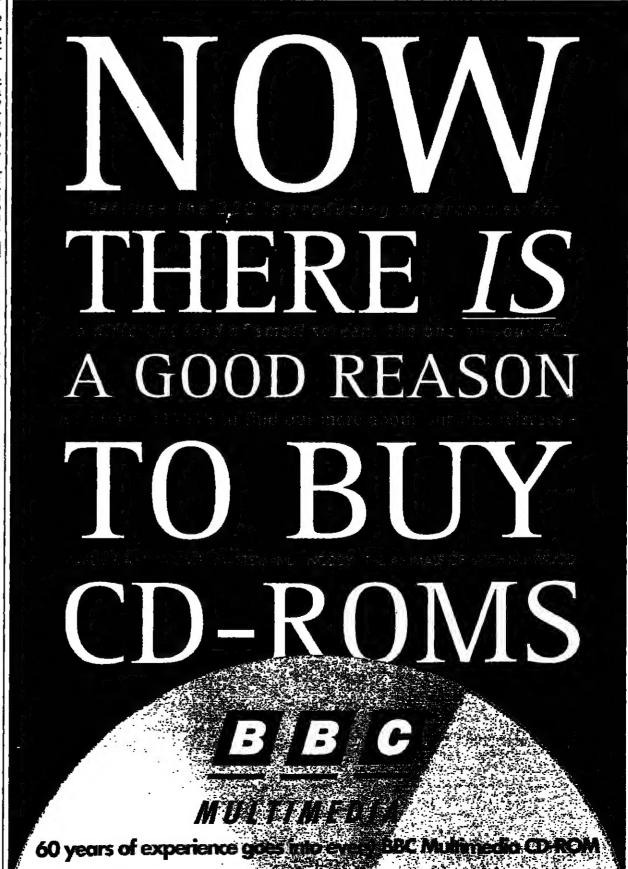
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# **End is nigh** for Perot's believers



Jonathan Freedland in St Petersburg Florida

HEY march clasping candles, speak of their faith in a man they rarely see and warn ominously of the reckoning to come. Ross Perot's supporters are fast becoming a sect. Even in Florida, where the

Texan computer magnate had one of his strongest showings in the 1992 presidential elections, they have been reduced to a faithful rump. Four years ago Mr Perot won a fifth of the state's vote; now polls show his support at

2 per cent — lower than the 6 per cent he has nationally. St Petersburg this week the pelievers marched in protest at their party's exclusion from the televised presiden-

"Muzzle Ross, Freedom Loss," they chanted, each clad in the Perot uniform of slogan-bearing T-shirts. Neither their presidential

candidate nor his running mate, the economist Pat Choate, was there to address conventional campaigning, preferring to rely on paid 30minute television infomercials and interviews on talk

It makes Mr Perot's Reform Party a demanding cause: one that relies on faith alone. "I believe Ross," says Teri Nadell. "I believe he's real." Like the best sects, the Reformers warn of dark days ahead. Ms Nadell says: "The country's going down the tubes. Everything's going bad, everything's in decline."

The problem is that the corporations own America, she says, adding that the Nafta and Gatt free trade deals — opposed by Mr Perot — have encouraged the best jobs to move to cheap-labour countries such as Mexico. She and her husband Frank

fire off statistics. Clasping your arm, their eyes widen-

There are even ominous threats. Mr Nadell says this peacefully, but maybe our children will revolt."

Conspiracy theories abound. The presidential commission on debates, for instance, is funded by 11 corporations desperate to maintain free trade. That is why they shut

out Messrs Perot and Choate. The polls can't be trusted.
"It's a way to keep America sleeping," says Pat Muth, the Reform Party's co-ordinator in Florida.

America has heard this talk before. Earlier this year it came from the Republican firebrand Pat Buchanan and his army of "peasants with pitchforks", which included the Nadells and thousands of other Perotistas. Last year it was the activists of the rightwing militia movement. Now the hardcore of the Reform Party is carrying on the same rations, free trade and the shadowy establishment.

That the Perot sect is reduced to this is, paradoxi-cally, a tribute to the movement's success. In common with other third parties in US political history, its key ideas have been absorbed into the system. It finds itself

Mr Perot's call for a balanced budget and a war on federal debt are now standard among Republicans and Democrats.

its on Congress and political reform shaped much of the Contract with America, the Republicans' election-winning manifesto of 1994.

The Texan billionairs has not managed to generate a

new set of ideas to replace the old. He has few detailed poli-cies. Television interviewers find him frustratingly vague. And, despite his vast fortune. Mr Peror's campaign is short of cash. Having accepted \$29 million (£19.5 million) in federal funds, he cannot spend his own money, and there have been few

The television networks once keen to air his unprecenow restricting the amount of airtime they are willing to

Above all, Mr Perot has lost his novelty value. Polls show him with a unfavourable rat-'s documented." ing of 75 per cent in Florida, ness and discrimination, works 12 hours 2 day as a According to Norberto La Aires, suburbs swollen by "People don't seem to to take our own lobbles into They warn that Americans suggesting people are simply being referred to by locals as waiter, and on his one free Porta, a centre-left candidate new arrivals grow by up to understand I'm Argentinian account, so it has not been will be paying 87 cents of sick of him.

# Ecuador's singing president lives up to his nickname - The Crazy One



Ecuador's President Abdala Bucaram launches a career as a pop singer, performing to a packed concert hall in Guayaquii. The president, who was elected in August after campaigning as El Loco (The Crazy One), has just released an album called The Crazy One. Who Loves. After dancing across the stage in a spectacle of lights and smoke, he finished his set with a Spanish version of Jailhouse Rock

PHOTOGRAPH: ANDRES RENDON

Argentina cold-shoulders new migrants

Those facing prejudice are not foreigners but refugees from the | recession-hit provinces, writes Ivan Briscoe in Buenos Aires

N THE heart of the port and being exploited by unarea of Buenos Aires scrupulous employers.

Stands the red-brick Mi-Rather than being warmly grants Church, a beacon of welcome to all settlers.

Inside, a column of wooder plaques rises up one wall, each bearing the name of a country which has deposited people in Argentina's melting

To Petrona, who helps out in the church, the 30 or more plaques are a proud symbol of Argentina's great immigrant tradition.

But her experiences as a migrant were very different from those of the Europeans ago. She came to Buenos Aires five years ago with her welcomed, as the constitution demands for all immigrants, she was cold-shouldered.
'People think it will be

Aires, but it never is," she Petrona is Argentinian born and bred. She is part of a new wave of migrants, an ex-

great when they get to Buenos

le from the recession-hit provinces, seeking a life in the big city. Almost all her generation of 20- to 30-year-olds from the northern town of Jujuy have

search of work and better health care. Petrona's husband now

guard. Many of her friends have found occasional work as cleaners, but long to return

"In my town, the only work

comes with the tobacco har-vest, but that only lasts for two months every year. Even then the wages are low," she says. "Young men who remain generally become alcoholics and the girls get pregnant as soon as they

In all Argentina's big cities the same story can be heard.
'Privatisation and economic reforms have strengthened the national economy but destroyed staple industries in smaller towns. As a result, unemployment has soared to

a cabecita negra (black head), day temps as a security for mayor of Buenos Aires 5 per cent each year. Many of too."

earlier this year, the govern-ment completely failed to understand the consequences of the huge economic changes

"Public jobs from the second world war onwards were over-supplied," he says. But the policy has just been to reduce public spending without thinking about the Some towns have been

stretched beyond their resources by the constant trickle of arrivals from the provinces. In Rosario, a large industrial town a few hours from Buenos Aires, the influx has virtually drained the social services' budget

Last month it was reported that up to 70 people were ar-riving each day. Police in smaller cities nearby regularly pay for trucks to move

On the edge of Buenos

my family.
"That is why I officially

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ical suppression. Or an act of political vengeance. You can

in May that the president's

the rigours of the election campaign, which is why he

told Observer that he wanted

health would not stand up to

call it what you like." He claimed to have known

connection between the new-comers and a sharp rise in crime, particularly armed ttacks and burglaries. Sergio Martin arrived in Buenos Aires a few months

ago and now sleeps rough in a park. He knows several people who have turned to crime out of sheer necessity.
"It's the desperation — they don't want to go back to their

homes and feel they've failed," he says. The sting of prejudice is felt by almost all migrants. In the capital's soup kitchens mi-

grants, including qualified professionals, voice the same complaints. Many say that employers will not give them anything but low-paid man-ual work, and they are treated like workers from Peru or Bolivia. Petrona finds the discrimi-

nation hard to accept.

# wars put amity on the rocks

PRESIDENT Eduardo Frei of Chile can expect the red-carpet treatment when he visits Britain next week. He will funch with the Queen and John Major, but is unlikely to be offered a glass of Gleunfied of the green Johnny Walker unless as a hint.

indeed, as preparations were made yesterday for the arrival of one of Latin America's most distin-guished statesmen, British an end to the whisky war between London and Santi-ago and muttering audibly about what might happen if it rumbles on.

Anglo-Chilean relations are generally excellent, but Whitehall and the lobbyists are talking tough. Mr Major intervened with a letter to Mr Frei a few months ago, so far without result.

Whisky manufacturers have been faming since 1983, when the producers of Chile's local tipple, a tequila taste-alike calle sco — taxed at a modes 25 per cent - persuaded the government to slap a 70 per cent duty on imported Scotch.

The glum result is that Chile buys a miserable £11 million-worth of whisky from Britain annually just 200,000 cases against 4.5 million cases of Pisco. "Everybody's patience

has worn out on this," com-plained Tim Jackson of the Scotch Whisky Association. "It's been raised on so many occasions, and the often that they would elimi-nate the discrimination, but they have simply not kept their word." If there is no deal, Britain

complaint to the World Trade Organisation. "If Chile wants to develop its free-trade image, this sort of thing doesn't do it any good," one official warned. But Chile's ambassador to Britain, Mario Artaza, insisted last night that a solution was likely. "The British must rest as-

sured that we are doing our lobby in this country with regard to whisky. We have

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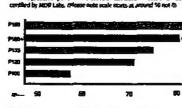
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# Yeltsin aides called 'usurpers'

David Hearst in Moscow

HR bitter struggle for control of the levers of power inside the Kremlin reached new depths of threat and melodrama when the president's disgraced bodyguard accused top aides of trying to run Boris Yeltsin into the ground so as to usurp

The smiling Lieutenant-General Alexander Korzha-kov, out of office but not, he insists, out of power, strode into a smart Moscow hotel to warn of Mr Yeltsin's political

"We have got an unconstitutional institution of regency while the president is alive. The president has fewer and fewer levers of power left in his hands," he said.

Gen Korzhakov warned his political enemies to think twice before harming him or his family, saying he still kept their personal secrets "in his head". It was a performance worthy of a revenge tragedy. He accused two prominent

a contract to kill him.
"I was told that Boris Abramovich Berezovsky and Vla-

businessmen and presidential campaign aides of putting out

mount a coup, and secured his dismissal. Gen Korzhakov, who still visits the Kremlin, claimed the elections postponed. He yesterday that he had yet to

'I warned Boris Nikolayevich, I warned his family. But my words were ignored'

Gen Korzhakov said President Yeltsin was himself worried about the physical stress of the election campaign. "I got information that some people among those who

are now around the president really wanted to drive him into the ground — I mean literally. And this is what we

"Naturally, after that, they wanted to manipulate behind

denied ever wanting them hand over the huge army of cancelled. hand over the huge army of bodyguards, with its secret documents and spying gear, to a successor. Allied to the Russian security chief, General Alexander Lebed, he still represents a formidable threat.

He was surrounded in the hotel, where he gave his first ever press conference yester-day, by 30 or so swooning ad-mirers, who held his picture aloft as though he were a new dimir Alexandrovich Gusinsky had put a price on my
head.
"You understand the term,
I hope. Apart from that, in"You be because of the beautiful and the b political saviour. As he pre-

deed, there is a real threat to nobody took heed. My words erable sway over a credulous my family.

Gen Korzhakov said the The group in the hotel result was that Russia had a swooned and treated him like a new political saviour. figures acting as regent.

The real target in making Among the audience in the hotel was Borls Fyodorov, for-mer head of the shadowy these declarations of his accu-National Sports Fund, who accused the general earlier this week of running a statesations is the presidential chief of state, Anatoli Chu-

bais, who claimed in July that Gen Korzhakov had tried to sponsored racket and trying to blackmail him for £25,000. Asked why he had come, Mr Fyodorov said: "I wasn'i going to stay at home." He survived a gun and knife attack earlier this year, and

as he limped off he took half the press corps with him. Meanwhile, Mr Yeltsin has created a special tax commis-sion — headed by his prime minister, Viktor Chernomyr-din, and with Mr Chubais as deputy — to stop tax evasion. Speaking clearly in a sevenminute radio address. Mr Yeltsin said paying taxes was a matter of "conscience". Showing he had lost none of his political touch, he at-

tempted to turn the hunger strikes of Russian academics who have not been paid for months to his advantage. claiming the crisis was itself a result of non-payment of

"It is those who evade payment of taxes who doom pen-sioners, the army, science and culture to a destitute existence," he said.

# Bosnian peacekeeping bill £3bn and rising | Nordic states

David Fairhall

THE Nato-led peacekeeping forces in Bosnia went on a higher security footing yes-terday in a tense area of northern Bosnia. Serb police in the disputed

village of Jusici threatened Nato troops with automatic weapons, and Muslim villagers threatened to kill a group of Russian peacekeepers unless the Serbs freed three Muslims arrested yesterday. Muslims began returning to the Serb-beld village last month as part of the Bosnian peace process. It is one of three villages where 10 houses were blown up on

Thursday night. The daily accumulation of such incidents and the confrontations between Bosnia's Nor is the account closed, supporting the UN arms political leaders led the inter-

national mediator Carl Bildt | peace implementation force to call on Thursday for peace-keeping troops to stay on until 1998.

There are about 53,000 Nato peacekeepers in Bosnia. Their original mandate expires on December 20 and no firm decision has been taken to keep them on after that

In the 12 months to the end of December, according to lat-est estimates, the international operation will have cost £3.3 billion, excluding the cost of civilian reconstruc-tion. Half the military bill will be paid by the United States; Britain's share is None of it can be recovered.

hecause the Bosnian opera-

was postponed until the spring to cover November's local elections, and the follow-on force is likely to stay for at least a year. The British estimate for this

year includes the cost of with drawing 9,000 British troops in western Bosnia but not apparently, the extra time they will now spend there. Cost will clearly be significant in the decision.

Martin Walker writes from Washington: Republicans in Congress have accused the White House of lying, and have called for a criminal inquiry into the way senior diplomats secretly approved the smuggling of Iranian arms and supplies to the belea-guered Bosnian forces in 1994-95, when the US was publicly supporting the UN arms em-

ioin forces to combat biker gang warfare

ORDIC justice ministers decided yesterday to take joint action to half the bikers' war in which rival gangs armed with heavy weapons have killed and maimed one

At a meeting in Copenha ministers from Finland, Norway. Sweden and Denmark agreed to pool more police intelligence, to open a joint register of stolen weapons; to consult on pending legislation; and to co-ordinate input to a biker crime unit set up at the European police agency Europol in The Hague.

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He clearly understood the general principles of taxation too. He was also prepared to think in terms of optimality, to apply logical reasoning to thinking about what is, after all, a moral question. He wrote an influential paper on economic utilitarianism.

Vickrey was born in Vic-toria, British Columbia, Can-ada, but when he was only

three months old his parents

moved to New York. He spent his childhood there, in Swit-

zerland and New Jersey, and later became a naturalised

American citizen. After tak-

ing a first degree in mathematics at Yale, he moved to Columbia where he earned

a masters in economics in

He left the university to

practise as a tax advisor, and

as a practising Quaker regis-tered as a conscientious ob-

jector during the second world war, spending those years as part of his alterna-

tive service designing a new inheritance tax for Puerto Rico. His religious beliefs, he

said later, led him to seek out | "a more human economy".

He joined Columbia's eco-

nomics faculty in 1946 and two years later was awarded

his doctorate. Students and

staff alike enjoyed his eccen-

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Vickrey was also known for

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He wrote a great book on income taxation, Aganda for persuade the New York City's but his brilliance was never Progressive Taxation, in my Metropolitan Transportation doubted.

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passenger fee policy and to charge different fares depend-

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tance of the journey - long trips in the rush bour would

cost more. He argued that his

proposals would ensure fair

fares and would minimise

congestion. Again, it was strong in theory, practical imagination, and detail.

One of his schemes which

had more success was his im-

plementation of his theories

of asymmetric information on

auctions. In one form, known

as a "Vickrey auction", bids are sealed but the person who submits the highest bid pays

only the price stated in the next-highest bid. This proce-

dure was used last year when the Federal Communications

Commission auctioned li-

cences of slices of the

In recent years it was

macroeconomics that took his

attention. Earlier this year he

said that the plan outlined by presidential candidate Bob Dole for massive tax cuts would only work if it resulted

in a bigger deficit. He argued that otherwise the net effect

would be to depress the econ-

omy and the end result would

be a reduction in spending

with an increase in

He had graduate students of high quality. Kenneth Arrow, Jacques Dreze and Jacob

Mincer were three. He in-

spired, but was perhaps not an orthodox instructor. His

course on mathematics for economists seems to have been famous. Instead of teach-

ing how to differentiate he

would say that was just me-chanics, and spend the time talking about non-differentia-ble functions. Proofs seem to

have frequently gone astray.

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Seven years later, he spoke in the Lords against national-isation of the steel industry but, characteristically, ex-

pressed much stronger con-cern about the impact of a

centralised control structure

muir presciently warned that

'the removal of policy-mak-ing responsibility from Scot-land would be extremely

harmful to the industry, and

spread far beyond and into a

whole range of other indus-tries which, taken together,

form the backbone of the Scot-

tish economy." Clydesmuir had been in

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rey, who has died aged 82,

was the co-win-ner of this

year's Nobel prize in econom-

ics for his work on "asymmet-ric information" — how to address situations where de-

cision makers have different information. On hearing of his achievement three days ago, he went on television, as

sharp as ever, and vigorously combatted balanced budgets

and monetary unions. "Til en-joy not so much the money", he said, "but the chance to spread some economic sense into the nonsense world."

There is no question that was true. He never knew what his

His colleagues at Columbia

University, where he spent

his whole working life, de-

scribed him as the epitome of the absent minded professor. A huge bear of a man, well

over six feet, rugged, square-jawed, with twinkling eyes and a mischievous smile,

there was no touch of malice or meanness. Forgetfulness certainly, and innocence, but

when it came to economics he could be theoretical, philo-sophical, and practical. When he started research at

Columbia University, in the

1940s, he thought macroeco-

nomics was already taken care of Keynes had done that.

However, he thought that in taxation and public utility pricing, microeconomic pol-

icy generally, there was still much to do. After the war he

was on the commission,

chaired by Carl Shoup, to set

up a new tax system for

Japan, and was largely responsible for what was widely considered to be the fine

**Terry Patchett** 

1983. He was an engaging and

convivial NUM-sponsored for-

final stages of his illness be-fore Scargill launched his

Terry was the antithesis of the leading Commons

Scargillite, Dennis Skinner.

Quiet and dapper, he spoke on miners' issues, and had none

of Skinner's hyperactivity or biting humour. Unlike Skin-ner, he was not averse to

drinking with pressmen.

A miner's son, he went to
the local council school and
Wombwell Technical College,

before going down Houghton Main colliery at 17, for 26 years. He served on Womb-

well urban district council

Terry was among the last who came up the regimented

from 1969 to 1983.

Face to Faith

Paul Heelas

FALL the critics of the new age, Christians are the most vociferous.
The Pope has stated, "It is only

a new way of practising gnos-ticism — that attitude of the

profound knowledge of God, results in distorting his word and replacing it with purely

human words". Other critics are more extreme, seeing the new age as positively evil, the

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ERRY PATCHETT, who has died from cancer aged 56, was Labour's alty: to the miners. He de-

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It is easy to see why Christian bookshops contain tract after tract savaging the new age. Christians believe their God to be infinitely greater than anything to which mere mortals can aspire. It is also easy to see why new agers reject much of Christianity. The new age teaches that we are already, in essence, spiritual beings. There is a world of difference between those Christians, valuing tradition, who heed biblical command-

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experience, who heed the voice within.

variety of inner truths

New age that offers infinite

The battlelines appear to be deeply entrenched. So who is winning the war? We rarely hears of new agers turning to the Christian faith. Con-versely, there are many reports of Christians becoming new agers — for example, women who find Christianity

irredeemably patriarchal.

Does this suggest that the future of religion in the West lies with the new age winning the battle? I doubt it. The new age is not powerful enough. But there has been a move within Christianity towards the kind of spirituality found in new age circles. Using the language of philosopher John Passmore, the shift is from the Augustinian to the Pelagian. Augustinians emphasise the gulf between God and the

human; the most extreme renderings state that humanity is fallen and can do nothing without God's grace — to redeem its lot. In contrast, Pelagians advance a much more ments and new agers, valuing optimistic view of human natics (as traditional Christians)

ture as containing a spark of the divine, and thus humans have a role to play in their salvation. The Pelagian, embracing God, is clearly much closer to the new age than the Augustinian, bowing down before God on High. Christianity is moving

"within" and the evidence is clear in the fastest expanding form of Christianity in Britain, the charismatics. Here one encounters themes which are familiar to new agers. One has to surrender to God, giving up all that is selfish and limited (what new agers call the "lower self"). God, in the form of the holy spirit, comes to dwell within; the holy spirit serves to transform the qual-ity of life (thereby functioning in much the same way as the inner spirituality of new agers). Greater importance is attached to experiencing God than to heeding biblical commandments (the new age also prioritises experience).

might have a traditional church service to celebrate marriage, use new age prac-There are of course, huge tices - together with convendifferences between charismational medicine — for their

trade union movement, was exemplary. Lay officials do not often receive the kind of sant computer work. The inquiry, three years ago, has led to a general recognition public recognition to which that new technology is res-ponsible for considerable they are entitled, but Dick, with a key job in one of Britain's largest unions, was pushing the GMB forward while most of the movement problems in the workplace and that workers are entitled Dick was also a fervent sup-porter of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, and a member of the executive in its new form has been on the retreat.

In the years I covered industrial and labour affairs for the Guardian. Dick was alfollowing the political changes in South Africa. He met Nelson Mandela in 1993 ways there, a safe and reliable servant of his union, who had the monthly and difficult job

power base, and his help and guidance to the Labour group was pivotal.

With local politicians, Dick other in the annual match be-

health, psychotherapeutic practices to handle emotions,

and popular science to address the puzzle of the origins of the universe. Cham-

pagne and yoga. This trend is intensifying as ever fewer people are content to commit themselves to any one particular form of life. There are so many more readily available opportunities to explore than there used to be. The bricoleur is a part-timer, drawing on this and that as circumstances suggest. Identity is not fixed. Life is a series of experiences and ex-periments, with few enduring commitments — other than to make the most of what the

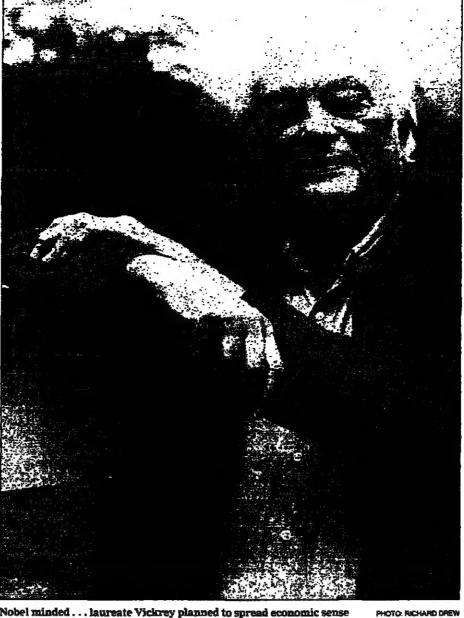
world has to offer. Bricoleurs undermine the established religious categori-sation by drawing on whatever resources suit their circumstances. Established teachings fragment because they can no longer elicit longterm loyalty, the battlelines between the new age and Christianity are occasionally set aside as people select items

however contradictory those items might appear

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work, but his getting the prize gave me great pleasure, as it did so many others. His work mist. Nicholas Kaldor. Vicknar attendance to economics: had a great influence on those all kinds of social science, and of us developing optimal tax beyond would attract him. theory in the 1960s and 1970s. But when the latest young What a good idea, one June 21. 1914: died October 11. mathematical theorist came thought; and now what a 1996

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for 45 years. Joint winner with Vickrey of this year's Nobel Prize for Economics

William Vickrey, economist, born

# Dick Pickering

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# International union man

ANCHESTER bin-men's leader Dick Pickering was repre-workforce. Their concerted senting the Trades Union Congress at the European Union's social and economic committee in Brussels when he collapsed and died, aged 54. For the past six years he had been chair of the general workers union the GMB, and next year would have been president of the TUC.

anniversary celebration of the Libyan revolution. This was when Colonel Gadafy was lending money to the NUM during the 1984-85 miners' strike. Patchett went into bigh sear in defence of the Dick's career, coming up through local politics and the

strike. Patchett went into high gear in defence of the strike. He could not understand how people could attack Scargiil but idolise Lech Walesa for doing the same thing defending the unions. He experienced police brutality on the picket line in April 1984 and unceasingly called the Commons' attention to such one-sided interventions. He could seem paranoid, or restect Scargiil's views, in who came up the regimented ladder of the Yorkshire miners. He was elected a delegate from Houghton Main in 1966 and on to the Yorkshire miners' executive in 1977. He was selected first to succeed excellent against the bill privatising electricity as selected first to succeed excellent move as directed against the miners. But they were sometimes right. He attacked the bill privatising electricity as guaranteeing nuclear power against competition while against competition for Terry Patchett. politician born of chairing the 80-strong executive of the GMB's executive as well as its annual conference. We shared a great love of our native Manchester, which had always been his power base, and his help and guidance to the Labour group Dearne Valley before being allowing competition for switched to new Barnsley cheaper power only among July 11, 1940; died October 11, Bast after boundary changes big companies. He regularly 1996.

and new agers (drawing on eastern and Pagan spiritual-

have so much in common? It

The shared emphasis on

Holy Spirit or the inner self)

has to be due to the fact that

age movements have been stimulated by the same cul-

both the charismatic and new

tural trend — the move from relying on external authority or tradition, to pursuing the

truth of personal experience. It is not surprising that both

movements enjoyed the six-ties' emphasis on the

Charismatics sometimes

speak as though they were new age. It is an illustration of how religious belief has be-

come less clearly demarcated:

there has been a move away

from people belonging to par-ticular, clearly identifiable

forms of religious practice, to

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ities), but the question remains, why should they

the new age influencing

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opposition helped to blunt the Government's axe in the north-west.
His presence in Brussels this week demonstrated his

ork for the ment on the international stage. At home he was tire-less, in spite of being a victim of several heart attacks. He chaired the TUC's investigation into repetitive strain in-jury, largely caused by inces-

after the South African president received the freedom of Glasgow and nurtured links between low-paid workers both here and in Africa.

We also shared a love of



tween the press and the TUC the fact that while we were playing in Preston, Lancashire were demolishing Northamptonshire in the NatWest final at Lord's.

Dick was worried. Neither of us objected to Lancashire being knock-out kings, but the county championship was the only thing that mattered. As Dick knocked off his cus-tomary 25 runs and finished his tidy two-wicket spell in immaculate whites, he promsed that, "we'll get a new coach for next season, and be-lieve me he'll be good." Days later, Lancashire joined the vogue and signed an Austra-

lian ex-Test player. One of the most capable, unselfish servants of the movement has died with his boots on, working for his members and thinking of his beloved county.

Keith Harper

Dick Pickering, trade unionist, born September 22, 1942; died

# Lord Clydesmuir

# Steel of the patriot

THE NAME of Lord | Joined the executive commit-Clydesmuir, who has | tee of the SCDI and inherited died aged 79, was for the title in 1954 on his father's many years synony-mous with the Scottish Coundeath. Clydesmuir spoke rarely in the House of Lords and when he did it was incil (Development and Indus-try), a body which has been in variably in connection with the Scottish economy. His the vanguard of promoting Scotland's export drive and defending its industrial base. maiden speech in 1960 pre-dicted that "a completely new He was also a former gover-nor of the Bank of Scotland and senior member of the Royal Company of Archers, able from the new plant at Ravenscraig. Now, however, is the time to interest and atthe ceremonial Queen's Bodyguard in Scotland.

Clydesmuir was an arche-typal establishment man, with a long list of directorships and honorary positions to his credit. However, his background was in heavy in-dustry which he ardently believed should remain the backbone of the Scottish econon the Scottish industry. Twenty years before Robert Scholey sounded Ravens-craig's death-knell, Clydesbroad-based knowledge impressed his colleagues, particularly in the field of export promotion. He led the first SCDI trade mission to the Soviet Union, in 1960, and also the first mission from the United Kingdom to China put together by Clydesmuir at two weeks' notice in 1971 - in | these effects would also the wake of the Cultural Revolution.
Ronald Colville was born to

parents representing two very different aspects of Scottish manufacturing. His mother's name, Bilsland, was well-known to generations of Scots for the products of the Glasgow Bakeries; his father came from one of the great steel-making families of Lan-arkshire. He became Secre-tary of State for Scotland in 1938 but lost office when the coalition government took over two years later. He went on to be Governor of Bombay and acting Viceroy of India, before being awarded the hereditary peerage in

In the early 1930s Colville senior had ministerial res-ponsibility for overseas trade and had led a number of delegations. It was this area of ac-tivity which most enthused his son. On the other side of his family, Clydesmuir's uncle, Sir Steven Bilsland, had been the driving force behind the creation of the SCDI. an organisation which was to play a large part in Clydesmuir's life.

He was educated at Charterhouse and Trinity College, Cambridge, where the tuteworkings of the communist systems was to stand him in good stead. When it came to leading trade delegations to China and Eastern Europe.

Cladesmuir had a far better patrician social and political feel for the value systems he was dealing with than most politicians or diplomats.

During the war he served tish Rifles) and was men-tioned in dispatches. After-wards he entered the family steel company, working his way through its various departments to acquire an all-round knowledge of the in-dustry and becoming a director in 1958. In the meantime he had 1917; died October 2, 1998

governor in 1972. He also held a string of directorships in financial institutions and manufacturing industries but al-ways found time for the work of the SCDI, of which he was chairman from 1966-78 and president thereafter until of voluntary organisations.

The Scottish patriot-indusoutlook with a fierce belief in the importance of maintaining Scotland's industrial heritage as the prerequisite for its future economy success. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joan, two sons and two

Clydesmuir . . . family trade

as governor of the British

Linen Bank which was then subsumed into the Bank of

Scotland, of which he became

# Brian Wilson

Ronald John Bilsland Colville businessman, born May 21.

# Letter

Robert Simpson writes: Your | Crown (no longer repre-

Robert Simpson writes: Your obituary of Lord Roskill (October 7) fails to mention that in 1987 he declared he had "no lurking doubts" about the correctness of the verdicts at the trial by Lord Donaldson. 12 years earlier, of the Guildford Four.

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In 1989, they were vindicated in an appeal which the correctness of the verdicts at the trial by Lord played in this notoriously protracted miscarriage of justice. When judges such as this die, their victims deserve to be remembered.

# Weekend Birthdays

ical prisoner, Mordechai Van-unu, 42 tomorrow, will spend a more lonely birthday than most. In a tiny cell at Ashkelon prison, south of Tel Aviv, with a hole in the floor doubling as a shower drain and toilet, he has so far lived in solitary confinement for 10 years of the 18-year sentence he received for leak-ing Israeli nuclear secrets to the Western press (Before he was kidnapped by a Mossad honeytrap in Rome, his papers showed that Israel had pro-duced between 100 and 200 nuclear weapons). He gets weekly visits from his brothers (all conversations through a grille) and two hours' daily exercise. Friends are not optimistic about his health — lawyers say he is "surviving" — but he may be cheered at being nominated for this year's Nobel Peace Prize and, later this month, at



THE Israeli dissident and politbeing the subject of a conference of dissident scientists organised by Pugwash veteran Joseph Rotblat. At least, we would expect Vanunu to be hear about the moves.

> Today's birthdays: Gill Bridge, managing director, Blackpool Football Club, 39; Lady (Helen) Brook, founder, Brook Advisory Centre for Young People, 89; Ruth Evans, director, National Consumer Council, 39; Kenneth Griffith, actor, writer and documentary film-maker, 75; Magnus Mag-nusson, quizmaster and writer, 67; Michael Mansfield QC, campaigning barrister, 55; Dr John Moffatt, constitu-tional historian, 74; Rick Par-fitt, guitar player and singer, 48; Luciano Pavarotti, oper-atic tenor, 61; Angela Rippon, television presenter, 52.

Tomorrow's other birthdays: Sir Thomas Bingham, Lord Chief Justice, 63; Edwina Currie. Conservative MP, 50; Prof Phyllis Deane, economic historian, 78; Sir Denis Forman, former director, Granada TV. British Film Institute, Royal Opera House, 79; Sir Roger Gibbs, chairman, Wellcome Trust, 62; Michael Heath, cartoonist, 61; Nana Mouskouri, Greek singer, 62; Iona Opie. writer and folklorist, 73; Marie Osmond, singer, 37; John Regis, athlete, 29; Paul Simon, singer and songwriter, 55; Rosemary Anne Sisson, author and scriptwriter, 73; Baroness Thatcher, OM, for-mer prime minister, 71; Hugo Young, biographer, political writer, 58.

# Death Notices

1.0NG, Tom in his 90th year, beloved hus-bend of his late wife Joan, beloved father of Christine and Tony, beloved grandpa of Kate, Peter, Rebeccs and Supplies, former headmaster of Mary's Rosel Secondary Modern School, Newnewn Heath, passed sway in the acry hours of the 10th of Chober, No Rowers, Donations to the United Nations Association, Sorvices at Low Highton Methodist Charth, New Mills at 11.30am on 18.10.96, and Stockport Cremb-tureral Directors, 01665 762467.

Funeral Directors, 07663 782467.

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# Return of the **Brixton Battler**

Still needed: one miracle

JOHN MAJOR yesterday delivered a conference speech which places the exaggerated claims about the Tories' week in Bournemouth into some much-needed perspec tive. It was not a good speech. It contained little that was genuinely new. It failed to address several crucial issues. It had an unpleasant undercurrent. And it emphasised how much the Tories now depend upon the leader whom they have spent so long reviling.

This is not to say that Mr Major's speech was a political failure, at least in the short term, for it was not. It set the seal on a week of very serious politics at Bournemouth, in which the Conservatives - like Labour last week at Blackpool — went to immense lengths to ensure a unified conference. The Tories achieved that goal too, in defiance of many predictions, though the achievement was essentially defensive. The Tories are still in a desperate electoral predicament, but Mr Major was at least able to appear before his supporters in a stronger personal position than he has enjoyed since the ERM collapse four years ago.

Yet the Prime Minister delivered a speech which was curiously lacking in content for such a vital occasion. This is the start of the general election campaign, and yesterday's was probably the most important preelection opportunity -- other than next month's Budget - to make a big impact on Labour's solid poll lead. Yet Mr Major failed to speak to the anxieties which have led so many millions of voters at least to contemplate foresaking the Tories. He did not seriously address fears of economic and job insecurity, anxieties about personal safety, the quality of life or the state of the environment. Whole areas of public policy were omitted - like transport, defence, industry, the unions, local government and the arts - while others - the international situation and, more surprisingly, law and order

 were only briefly mentioned. Instead, Mr Major chose to concentrate on a small number of key themes, unified in his mind by the concept of Opportunity for All — his counterpart to Tony Blair's Age of Achievement last week. It is one thing to try to focus the election contest into key areas, but the speech did little justice to what most people feel about most of those that he chose. In each of these areas health, education, welfare, Europe and the Union the British people feel let down by the Tories, not grateful to them. There were trenchant passages, nevertheless, on the single currency and, in particular, Northern Ireland, but a speech whose most enthusiastically received passage is an attack on Gerry Adams is not one which clearly defines the reasons why people might vote Conservative rather than Labour.

Mr Major clearly believes than he can win the election in spite of his government's record. His speech echoed his plain and unpretentious 1992 election campaign and doubtless prefigures an equally home-spur style in 1997. All politicians now talk about themselves rather than about policies, and Mr Major again gave us the tale of the Brixton Boy with which he believes ordinary voters identify. Evidently, he intends to contrast his own background with that of Mr Blair as often and as ruthlessly as possible between now and the election. But he wins no marks for the sneering tone in which he indiscriminately chides Mr Blair for being middle-class and Mr Prescott for being working-class. Mr Major is pushing it too far. He preaches tolerance for tainted Tory MPs but displays intolerance for the private actions of untainted opponents.

Yet Mr Major has performed another remarkable comeback. For a long time many Conservatives have privately regarded Mr Major as their greatest liability. They think he has led them only to the brink of disaster. And yet, looking over the brink, they have clung to him. Today he even appears to them, and probably to himself, to be their chief electoral asset. It is an astonishing turnaround, while it lasts. In place of grand visions - national rebirth or any of the big ideas on which politics was once supposedly contested — we now have the politics of the ordinary chap from south London. Mr Major has had a good week, but now his real challenge begins. If he wins, it will be the most bizarre personal triumph against the odds in British political history.

# Truth remains barred

South Africa's justice is still on trial

MAGNUS MALAN and other top generals set up a paramilitary unit to help Inkatha fight the ANC. Documents showed that it was regarded as an "offensive" unit to be used in covert attacks. The 1987 attack at KwaMakutha, which killed 13 innocent friends and relatives of a local ANC leader, was a massacre carried out by such a unit. All this was accepted by Judge Jan Hugo in Durban yesterday. But the judge failed to find proof of express or even tacit approval of the operation, which he said was a poorly planned "frolic" by junior officers. Mr Malan walked free and called the outcome a victory for justice. Where does that leave truth and the law in South Africa?

It is one thing to believe that senior ministers under the apartheid regime knew and condoned illegal activities, including death squad operations. In the culture of deniability, it is quite another to prove it. Mr Mandela is right to say that the verdict must be respected: if the case was as strong as it appeared initially, then it was badly mishandled. Separate evidence has emerged of security force complicity in a whole range of crimes including bombings and assassinations. Some of this has been volunteered by the perpetrators in submissions to Archbishop Tutu's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. It may seem inconceivable that General Malan and his colleagues should escape responsibility

but that was not the evidence before this court. How then is justice to be done and a proper reckoning made of the past? The commission has proved of double edged benefit in offering immunity, but the time-limit for doing so expires anyhow in December. The hope must be that many who have not come forward will then be prosecuted, and on stronger evidence. Most white South Africans are more concerned by the current crime wave (once mostly confined to the black communities) than by the official violence of previous years. But the black majority, which suffered so much in the past, has a longer memory. There will be little faith in the judicial system if it cannot bring to justice those who perpetrated such visible atrocities under apartheid. The future as well as the past is at stake.

Letters to the Editor

# **Last thoughts on Tories**

NCE again the Tories are clamping down on adult entertainment beamed in m a corrupted continent. Not child pornography, mind you, but harmless adult films obtainable only late at night, on subscription, through special decoders. For the Conservatives "No sex please we're British" is not a joke but a campaign jealously pur-sued. They tell us it is for the

protection of children. The purpose of education is preparation for adult life but not, it seems, in this important field. In practice, it is adults who are censored and told what they can or cannot view in the privacy of their own homes. No public inquiries, just instant draconlan

Contrast this decisive action with the procrastina tion over gun control. It seems that children's susceptibility to sex is of more concern than their susceptibility to bullets. Only pathological puritans could get their priorities so sly wrong. Tony Akkermans. Kingswood Gardens,

V the House in order, Octo-

Belcher, who was forced to

resign in 1948 from govern-ment and Parliament for ac-

cepting bribes that are tiny

by present standards. I was

then on the staff of Transport

I was devastated by it all,

and remember a dreary train journey to Dartington Hall in

Devon for a trustees' meeting

on the day the news broke. I

was in very low, chastened

I unburdened myself to

wrong with you, Michael?

what has happened, not ashamed on behalf of your

party."

Dorothy Elmhirst, the joint

founder of the modern Dart-

ington Hall. She said: "What's

You ought to be very proud of

Proud? She explained she

had been born into American

politics as the daughter of William C Whitney, Secretary

ber 8) mentioned John

Labour Party policy

FTHE Conservative Party put the country's interest before party dogma, it would be negotiating with Europe on vital issues, such as the Com-mon Agriculture Policy. which is more important to taxpayers and farmers of the South-west. Instead, the right wing is dictating econor policy in a vain attempt to

hang on to their seats.

The people of the Southwest should be allowed to choose whether to join a single currency or not at a referendum and the Govern ment should look after Britain's national interests. But is this too much to expect from a party which trusts its ex-leader more than its Prime Minister. Kevin French. 48 Gloucester Court.

HE Government's much trumpeted intention of enabling frustrated commuters to sue strikers who disrupt services on London Underground must, in all equity, apply also to London Trans-port. After all, for several months they have withdrawn

for the Navy in President

Cleveland's cabinet. She had

seen political corruption at

very close quarters but could

not remember any American politician like Beicher who

had ever been forced to resign

wrongdoing. We British, she said, should

be proud of the high stan-dards we enjoyed in our pub-lic life, and I should be proud

(not miserable) to belong to

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Michael Young.

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Rememberance of sleeze past

the Northern Line service from Moorgate to Elephant and Castle, surely equally jus tifying legal action. Or is the real intention merely to clobber the public-sector unions? Vice-President Public Services, Tax and Commerce Union. 5 Great Suffolk Street.

AVING so successfully economised on the ser-vices of speechwriters at Bournemouth by replacing or portunities for substantial po itical oratory with questionand-answer se and answer sessions, will next year's Conservative Party conference be reduced to a radio phone-in? David Ainley. The Hill, Cromford, Matlock, Derbys DE4 3RF.

ondon SE1 ONS.

T is quite simple really: de-priving criminals of their driving licences will cut down on crimes involving getaway cars. Mr Howard is not the fool some people may think. (Dr) Richard B Herbert. 93 Plantation Gardens, Alwoodley, Leeds, Yorks LS178ST.

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GOOD to know that Char-lotte Raven's education at

the hands of the Girls' Public

Day School Trust convinced

things" (Women, October 7);

she is certainly a good exam-

ple. She is, however, quite wrong in supposing that the

Women of the Year lunch is

"the kind of thing my old head mistress would have loved".

About 1957, as a young civil

servant, long before I went into teaching and had the privilege

and challenge of Charlotte as a pupil, I was invited to one of

her that "women can do

ENNETH Clarke, whom I thought was a decent Tory, compares Gordon Brown's economic plans to that of the figure of Dolly Parton. To which part of the male anatomy does he measure his own policies? I am too prudish Ann Evander. 4 Beach Road, Dovercourt, Essex.

WHILST there is no doubt that the Conservative conference set is adopted from a television game show, the question is from which one it came. It can't be Family Fortunes because, at the time of the next election, a typical family will have paid £2,000 more in tax since 1992. Perhaps with their planned privatisation of the Post Office and Channel 4. Dr Mawhinney had Sale of the Century in mind. More likely, John Major sees it as a Countdown to the end of his days in Number 10. With all the jockeying for leadership, the set should best play backdrop to Murder in the Dark. Paul Sheppard. 25 Marquis Road. London NW1 9UD.

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the first Women of the Year lunches. I refused because, as

Charlotte says, real achieve-

ment seemed likely to be con-fused with much more superfi-

cial claims to fame. Since I was

already comfortably launched in the predominantly male but

tolerant world of Whitehall.

the idea of an elaborate "all

girls together" social event was somehow off-putting.

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Brigid Wells.

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Charlotte, a word in private

CHARLOTTE MUST NOT

# Let's hear it for Schoenberg, the master of toe-tapping tunes

THERE is such a confusion of nonsense in Sir James. Beaument's letter (October 10) about the nature of music that one wonders how he dare ac-cuse Schoenberg, of all people of illogicality.

"One cannot write atonal music using a tonal scale," he says. Oh yes, one can; bad com-posers do it all the time. "One annot ask our hearing mecha nism to abandon that which is inherent"; but what is "inherent" in the natural harmonies of instruments is not, as he seems to think, triadic tonal harmony, but a far richer, more complex phenomenon. which becomes even more complex when instrumental notes (each with its own conent of harmonics) combine with each other in chords.

It is that complexity which Schoenberg was the first to tag beyond the confines of triadic harmony, and with consummate mastery. Timothy Bond. 25 York Avenue, Hove, Sussex BN3 1PJ.

BOTH Professor Beaumont and Keith Burstein (Provo cations, October 5) are disingenuous in claiming that the laws of physics rule out atonal music. As they must know, the notes of the modern Westerntempered scale, as used since Bach, and as found in the sound of the piano. are not related to each other in the

talk of overtones. The ratio of G to C on an exactly tuned piano is not 3 to 2, as in overtones, but approximately 2.996614153753 to two. (Precisely, two to the power of one and seven-twelfths to two.) Schoenberg's path to "ato-

nality" (a word he hated) was driven by his expressive needs, but in making his journey he knew that he was accepting the logic of the tem-pered scale. Of course, other composers, such as Harry have refused to accept that the tempered scale is the only way to produce music, and have written for instruments capable of playing arithmetically simple intervals. I suspect, however, that Mr Burstein's music is written for

conventional instruments. I have never knowingly heard any of Mr Burstein's music, but when I do I shall not like or dislike it despite or because of it being tonal or otherwise, but because of its expressive and aesthetic achievements. I have heard a lot of Schoenberg and of Birtwistle; his Gawaine. which Mr Burstein is apparently proud of having heckled, struck me as a mar vellous opera. Graham Roe. Head of Bibliographic

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# Fact, fiction and flu

NJECTING a few facts into the flu vaccination correspondence (Letters, October

0) would be a good idea. Fact one: How many people realise that every single vacciease germs, live or killed to stimpulate production of antibodies, but also of formaldehyde, aluminium phosphate and thiomersal (mercury compound) in various combinations, none of which should ever be injected into humaneings for health reasons. Alright, say the doctors, we

make people "slightly" ill in order to avoid them becoming seriously ill. What proof is there of that? Fact two: Everybody be-

lieves that smallpox has been eradicated by vaccination, but it hasn't. Why not? When first introduced, its validity was supposed to last a lifetime. When people still got smallpox after vaccination, the va-lidity was declared to be seven vears, then further reduced to the current figure of three

years. On this basis, the percenttected against smallpox by

vaccination at any given time has never been more than five per cent. How on earth can five per cent have protected the 95 per cent of the

Fact three: The Post Office used to recommend vaccination against flu to their employees, but abandoned this on discovering that it made no difference to their attendance

Fact four: Scarlet fever was once a worse killer of children than smallpox, yet this has disappeared without any vaccination at all.

Fact five: All infectious diseases declined by around 90 per cent before mass immunisation was introduced. The registrar-general's figures. turned into graphs, make this abundantly clear. Better hygiene was the reason.

Fact six: The medical profession is generously paid to encourage 90 per cent acceptance of vaccination, regardless of any arguments against its effectiveness. How can they remain upprejudiced?

Charles Edward Mathews, C

Ian Stirling. London NW118HH

# A Country Diary

NANT PERIS: This month marks the centenary of Ann Owen's death, wife of Harry Owen of Pen-y-Gwryd. The Owens had taken over this most famous of British moun tain inns in 1847 and remained there for the rest of their lives. Their early days were described by Charles Kingsley in Two Years Ago (pub 1857) — old Mrs Pritchard (Ann's mother) "putting the last touch to one of those miraculous soufflés, compac of clouds and nectar" which were said to transport the eater "from Snowdon to Belgrave Square" at the first Owen "bustling out of the citchen with a supper tray ran full against a visitor "and uttered a Welsh scream." Those were the days; when the clientele was a mixture of shepherds, valley carters and scholar mountaineers, who had discovered the high mountains -- men like

T Dent and Frederick Mor-shead of Winchester. The Owens made the best of their growing trade as railways prought mountain lovers to Llanberis and Betwe-v-Coed. lert in 1891. Ann joined him in 1896 and the date of her death is often taken as marking the end of Snowdonia's early mountaineering history. The other day we looked at the mellow inn from the far side of Llyn Lockwood; it was girt still with those old, familiar trees, now being gilded by the first night frosts. Far off, behind that golden grove, the stony flank of Glyder Fawrlay in the blue shadow of a passing cloud. In Owen's time, of course, there was no lake here to reflect these passing clouds, only a squeich-bog

where exploring sheep were plagued by midge hordes on still, summer evenings. ROGER REDFERN

# . . . And new thoughts for Labour

# MANIFESTO

Last Monday, on the Comment Page, we launched Another esto, a series designed to inject constructive ideas into political debate. Nearer the lection, a panel will judge those ideas which most deserve o be taken up by our political leaders. We also invited your esponses: this week, to the pro osal for a carbon tax.

OU are quite right to advocate a carbon tax, for environmental, ecoomic and social reasons. You are also accurate in stating that it will not feature in the Conservative or Labour election manifestos; but you could have added that it will be incorporated in the Liberal Dem

ocrat platform. Both the attacks on the carbon tax can be countered. On pushing up costs to the poorest, the basic problem is not the price of fuel, but the appail-ingly low standards of house insulation of the homes that low-income households tend to live in. If a portion of the tax revenue is used to provide free insulation, we can reduce pol-

ANOTHER boost employment. On pushing up costs to industry, there is all these measures would no evidence to : economies with high energy prices (eg Germany's and Ja pan's) suffer at all — because they are far more efficient in using energy. If the carbon tax is phased in gradually, and partly used to reduce other taxes (such as employers' NICs, the tax on jobs), industry will gain from making energyefficiency investments Duncan Brack. Flat 9, 6 Hopton Road, London SW16 2EQ.

NCE the biggest polluters would pass the cost on to their customers, such a tax would be unproductive and inflationary. Instead the following energy-saving measures should be taken:

Amend building regulations to make it obligatory to conform to the highest energy saving standards Take drastic traffic-calming measures in conurbations.

Subsidise research into electric vehicle propulsion and installing recharging facilities in large conurbations. Subsidise research and trials of tidal and wave genera-

tion of electricity.

Give adequate grants to those willing to upgrade the

work, improve h and, in the long-term, probably pay for themselves. RPA Edwards. 14 Long Street, Grantham, Lincs NG31 8LN.

People talk about people talk about reducing pollution the first thing they think of is taxing the end user? You demand a carbon tax, others target car users specifically by demand-ing a tax on diesel and petrol. The people these proposals affect most are not the high-mile age, big-car-driving execu-tives, but those living in rural areas whose options for public transport are extremely limited. In my village, the buses pass through infrequently and the nearest rail station is a half-hour bus journey away Until we have a well-funded well-integrated public-trans-port system, we are barking up the wrong tree. Moira Scobbie. 55 New Road, Milnathort, Tayside KY13 7XT.

starter: it will just push up costs without saving energy. My wife and I are pen sioners who are fed up with

energy-saving standards of ex- these back-door taxes. We pay no income tax, so any tax cut makes us poorer - as we have o pay tor it out of our pensio through the increase in backdoor taxes such as that on fue I would heavily tax the 0891 numbers which have invaded our lives (including the Guard ian crossword answer-line) and have become a licence to print money. E Collinge. 17 Campbell Street. Padiham, Burnley, Lancs BB12 6NL.

> HERE is a more equitable method of reducing emis sions. All energy users ould have an annual rating o X units, charged at the normal rate plus Vat. Above this rating, the unit cost would be the same but Vat would be increased by up to 50 per cent. Suppliers would still want to sell as much as possible — so their corporation tax could be increased for each unit sup-plied above the rating. ames Moran. 107 West Dean, Chiche Sussex PO18 0QX.

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# Don't ask, you heard it first in the US of A



Mark Lawson

T IS the tragedy of certain politicians to have been ahead of their time; ruined by actions or policies which later became commonplace. Such a man is Senator Joseph Biden. In 1988, he was forced to ahandon his bid for the US presidency because it was discovered that his stump speech included phrases strikingly close to those used by Neil Kinnock in the previous year's British election. Where the English politician had memorably declared himself the "first Kin-nock in a thousand Kinnocks" to attend university, the American one announced himself to be the first Biden in the same timescale to have been educated at the highest level. This alleged plaglarism shattered his ambitions.

sake of his blood pressure, are, in market squares and that Mr Biden does not follow city centres where you are, in British political rhetoric as the North and South and East closely now as he apparently dld then. Earlier this week in Rournemouth, the Conserva tive Party Chairman, Dr Brian Mawhinney, attempted to demolish Tony Blair's rheto demonstrations to the mantle of torical claims to the mantle of Margaret Thatcher, "I know Margaret Thatcher," boomed Mawhinney. "Margaret Mawhinney. "Margaret Thatcher is a friend of mine. And, Mr Blair, you're no Mar-

garet Thatcher."

This was a clear steal of Senator Lloyd Bentsen's putdown of Dan Quayle's comparison of himself with John F Kennedy in the 1988 vice-presidential debate. How, then, did Dr Mawhinney survive when Riden fell? vive, when Biden fell? The Tory chairman might argue that his text-theft was not plagiarism, but parody,

although it could only work as such for British voters familiar with the minutiae of American politics. However, if the Biden standard was to be imposed, Mawhinney would not be throwing a leav-ing party alone. The perora-tion of John Major's keynote would not be the first Biden ing party alone. The peroran the same timescale to have een educated at the highest evel. This alleged plagfarism hattered his ambitions.

We can only hope, for the whole tone of Blair's speeches

would not be throwing a leave the peroration of John Major's keynote sented himself to his first nominating convention in 1992 as tragic orphan and suffering stepson. Similarly, the whole tone of Blair's speeches

and West where you are" was essentially a respray job on a geographical passage used several times by Bob Dole this summer.

Indeed, Britain's seaside resorts this autumn have resounded with American hoes. Major's reference to his "contract" with the British people sounded borrowed from Newt Gingrich, just as Tony Blair's "covenant" with the electorate, promised last week, was apparently a quiet word-bank.

When Blair this year included, in his Blackpool

speech, a section about his father's personal sufferings, he was variously accused of copying John Major — who has used a tragic-dad passage in each conference speech since 1994 (including yester-day's) — or Bob Dole, who also generally includes a pa-ternal threnody. In fact, it is Bill Climber who holds the Bill Clinton who holds the modern copyright on this by the current president.

Perhaps some of this is a matter of simultaneous rhe-torical inspiration. Yet, beyond mere words, the plagia-rism — or parody — of American presentational techniques is routine. John Major's shirt-sleeved walk-about, which caused such a stir on Wednesday, is a ver-sion of a format frequently employed by Clinton in 1992: a TV-producer friend had taught him the visual novelty value of "breaking the frame" of the standard static yapping hot of politicians.

Clinton and Gore routinely campaigned jacketless four years ago in an attempt to look casual beside the stiff and (literally and metaphori-cally) buttoned-up President Bush Dole's aides this summer have fought to force him on occasion into sports coats
It is a measure of the stultify ing grip of masculinity and tradition on politics that for a leader to remove his jacket in

— poetic-evangelical, a style quite new to British politics stolen his shirt-sleeves?

— seems heavily influenced The main reason for this with prudence, responsibility spate of larceny is that Amer-ica is seen as the cradle of political campaigning, much as it is viewed as the natural home of cinema and hamburgers. After decades of using a Last Supper format for their leader's speeches —

with the top man rising at the

middle or end of a long table
— both Labour and Tories
now isolate the leader presidentially on stage. My guess
is that it will not be very long before one of the British par-ties attempts to reschedule its conference to the evening, as the Americans do, in the hope of a peak-time television audience for the leader's speech.

The extent of the embezzlement from Bill Clinton is a mark of his growing reputation as a master of the art of electoral politics, a man who is probably about to become is probably about to become the first Democrat for 50 years to be re-elected. He is the most influential camer since Reagan. Yet this parody and plagia-

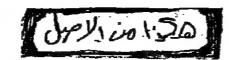
rism is inseparable from a wider political culture of appropriation. Nicking of poli-cies is now a daily occurrence. Politics has become an ideological swap-shop.

and low inflation. No sooner have the Republicans placed their welfare reforms proudly on the mantleniece than the Democratic president slips them in his pocket. Only two current electoral proposals — Bob Dole's 15 per cent tax cut and Labour's signing of the Social Chapter — have managed to remain nailed down to

a single platform.

What else might there be left to steal? Well, one of Bill Clinton's favourite campaign tricks is playing the saxo-phone in dark glasses. Alarmingly, this sax strategy seemed about to be stolen yesterday morning in Bourne-mouth when Dr Mawhinney was seen on the conference floor grotesquely shimmying to a jazz band before the leader's speech. Thankfully, the PM arrived on the platform wearing his usual glasses and minus a musical instrument. But, as the election nears. saxophone teachers should be on standby for the urgent phone call from Tory Central Office or Labour HQ. I never knew Joe Biden. Joe

Biden was not a friend of mine. But, Mr Major and Mr Blair, you are Joe Bidens.



# Germans teach us the symbol truth

# Commentary Martin Woollacott

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DMIRAL Lord Beresford, presiding over a dinner at the Savoy during the first world war, noticed towards the end of the meal that his plate was of German manufacture. "We have actually been dining off German plates," he announced. According to the report in the Daily News. "A succession of crashes followed, a number of guests hurling their plates to the

The antagonism toward Germany that emerged at the turn of the century took many forms, from A E Housman's habit of storing up witticisms against German academics on the "Here's one I prepared earlier" principle (he would simply slot in a German name when a new Teutonic butt came to hand), to the virtuous lads who wrote to boys' maga-zines with accounts of how they had returned propelling

Some experts on Anglo-Gerrecently in Berlin came to the conclusion, a little fancifully. that relations are almost as bad now as they were in those days. It would certainly have to be agreed that they are not

In the month when Helmut Kohl celebrates both the unilication of Germany and the fact that he has become the longest-serving post-war chancellor, this is not entirely surprising. The British are in a state of dismay over Europe which, far from offering them the "options" which Malcolm Rifkind talked about at this week's Conservative Party conference, often seems to lay before us, instead, only a choice between different degrees of doing badly.
This is not so much a ques-

tion of federal super-states and sovereignty as of being illplaced to succeed in the European game as it is now being played. At the most basic level, it is about the fear that, whatever we decide about monetary union, we are going to lose British assets — jobs, parts of our industry, of our international financial functions, of our arms and aero-

pencils to the shop after discovering on them the dread words "Made in Germany". I that there may not be much we can do about it. Surveys of man relations meeting British businesses on European issues show the volatility and the gaps that remain between large and smaller firms. They give the impres-sion of damage control rather than strategic thinking, and infrequently envisage being the winners

the winners.
There is too much talk about Britain needing to face up to its decline. Our difficulty may instead be that we face up to it all too directly. It leads us to see every change as likely to be for the worse, at least for us, and to conceive of international life as one long holding operation. All European states have declined compared with

But some are more declined than others — and nor is the process over. The difference between Britain and Ger-many is that, while both have fears about the future, there is about German policy an element of restoration, of resuming the pursuit of the goals of the past in a more acceptable and more practic-able form. Britain has no such project.

we have subsidies illegally channelled to plants in Sax-ony by a regional authority which does not care about Meanwhile, the European game is not only about what economic and political infraspace markets, our agricul- structure Europe should European Union rules and

have, but about the old | looks to the central governrivalry between national ment to get it off the hook economies and about how the with Brussels, which, after first affects the latter, and some concessions, it appears vice versa. It is, in other to have done. words, still partly about With the Eurofighter, the plates and propelling pencils. It is certainly arguable that Britain's fears about the future of her economy are an

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underlying cause of our

union. We pin to the institu-tional and technical change

all our worries about compe-

tition and not holding our

The truth is that all Euro

pean states have fears of this kind. All pull at the European

fabric in order to gain advan-

tage for their firms and econ-

omies. A few recent examples of how the things we make are so critical could include the cases of Rover. Volks-

wagen, and the Eurolighter— all, as it happens, with an Anglo-German side to them.

in the case of Rover we

have British managers

replaced by German ones. Since this is now a German-

owned company, what has happened is not against any

rules and is not even unrea

sonable, and yet somehow i

is not very European. It underlines the limits of the transnational idea and the way in which corporations

remain stubbornly national.

That is a consideration

which is far more important

for Britain, which has allowed and even encouraged

foreign ownership, than for

Germany, which scarcely does the first and definitely

does not do the latter, or for France, which is similarly possessive of its firms.

in the case of Volkswagen

future of Britain's aerospace industry must to some extent depend on German decisions. The Europe of defence industry co-operation is also a Europe where rivals have to sup at one another's tables and where a sudden with-drawal can destroy jobs and prospects in somebody else's country.

If we recognise that both Britain and Germany, as with other European states, are driven by the fear of eco-nomic failure, of losing their control over the making of

This plan to remake history in the way it should have been seems to be Kohl's ultimate motivation

successful things and services that employ their workers and sell to the world, the difficulty is that common fears do not always lead to common

solutions.

For Helmut Kohl, moneta union has become a kind of master-solution. It is a solution to German unification, which has been in many ways disastrous, and to a currency union of the two Germanies, which, however shrewd politically, contributed to that disaster. It is a solution to the difficulties of the German economy generally, for one thing allowing, because of the

welfare state. That, according to the pres-

ent consensus, is allegedly desirable. It is also, of course, to a man of the wartime gen-eration, a solution to the problem of conflict in Europe. it is, finally, a solution because it has elements of a mis-sion to place Germany in the position it could have been earlier had it not been for the terrible mistakes of the ear lier part of the century. That it could go wrong, for Germany and the rest of us, is clear, but that is true of all serious enterprises.

National interest combines with national mission. This plan to remake history in the way it should have been seems to be the ultimate motivation of the Chancellor. He might even achieve another ambition: to serve longer than Bismarck and leave office having achieved as

much or more.
It is not clear that Britain by contrast, has a mission of this order, or even believes, in that way, in solutions. The Conservatives unfurled the Union Jack in Bournemouth. It might be recalled that Bismarck, asked for his views on a flag for united Germany, is said to have replied that, for all he cared, the colours could be "green and gold ... with Dancing Tonight' printed above". He meant that the substance of national objectives was more important than symbols.

Odd that Britain should still be a defender of the status quo and its symbols and that Germany should still be as bent on change at the end of the 20th century as at the end of the 19th, but it is so. These are differences for which neither country is to blame. But they are not easily reconciled, all the same.

# Rump stakes are off



Martin Kettle

HERE is a common be-lief on the left that the Conservatives will split if they lose the next general election. Much of Labour's determination that it can govern for two or three terms if it wins next spring is based upon this assumption. And there are even those in the Tory Party itself who are prepared to believe in it too. Yet it is incredible that such

an untested piece of specula-tion should be treated so seriously, let alone that it should have ascended almost to the status of established political wisdom. Even the most super-ficial knowledge of British political history in general and of Conservative Party history in particular, ought to set the warning bells ringing against any assumption that a split — in the true meaning of the term — is anything other than a highly remote possibility.

These past days in Bournemouth have served as an upto-the-minute reminder of the Tory Party's reflex instinct to come together rather than to divide. It is, of course, true that this is a strictly temporary that this is a strictly temporary that the conservatives rary reconciliation, enforced by the proximity of an election in which it is not impossible that more than 100 Tory MPs could lose their Westminster seats. And it is also true that the Tory Party at Bourne-mouth has been a Jekyll and Hyde creature, sober and respectable in the hall by day, but wild and vengeful on the

fringes by night.

But it was a sobering sight nevertheless, and a handy reminder that all this constant emphasis on Tory divisions can be overdone. The Tory Party has not got where it is today by splitting From at least the time of Disraeli, it has always believed overwhelmingly in the necessity of party. Loyalty to the party, in the words of Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, is the Tories' secret weapon. The Tory Party is full of currents and groupings, sometimes even of factions, but it is a centripetal, rather than centrifugal, organisation

It is ridiculous to try to claim that because it split once, 150 years ago over the Corn Laws, the Conservative Party cannot withstand the res of Europe today and that it will write itself out of the significant political his-The Tory Party is not go in spite of discords as great | do the job for them.

and as personal (tariff reform is the classic example) as those which infest it today.

The reasons why we should assume that the Tories will not split are both tactical and philosophical. Those who ex-pect a split believe that the party is simply waiting to go into opposition before embarking on the civil war which will cleave the party over Europe. Yet this under-estimates the power of specific events to concentrate politicians' minds and make them act pragmatically rather than ideologically.

Rather than assuming that

defeat would throw the Tories

into a frenzy of blood-letting, it would be more intelligent to try to think through what would happen in particular circumstances. If they lose narrowly next spring, every instinct will compel them to from on a quick return to focus on a quick return to power and to postpone electorally damaging rows. They might not even get rid of John Major, just as they did not ditch Ted Heath immediately after losing in February 1974.
If they lose badly, even the
Tories are bound to ask them-selves why. There will be few Tories so confident as to echo Tony Benn's reassurance to Labour in 1963 that its great defeat was in fact a great victory (I parody — but not much). It is much more believable the Tories will be so chastered that in the end they tened that, in the end, they will have to do what Labour has done over the past decade and embark on a painful pro-

tion. I am tempted to say that Major shouldn't be ruled out of that scenario either. Then there is political philosophy. Europe is indeed a chasm in the party's thinking, yet what else really divides the Tories? On the evidence of Bournemouth, very little indeed. Dissent, let alone outremain a free trade, low tax, one nation party much as they

cess of pragmatic reconstruc-

HE one barrier to Tory unity is, of course, Europe. No one who has followed the party through recent years can doubt how important this issue continues to be, irrespective of this week's skilful management. Back at Westminster, we will see Eurosceptics in action who have barely shown themselves at Bournemouth.

Yet the principal question still remains the management of a disunited party rather the prevention of a schism. And this will continue to be the case if and when the Tories go into opposition — as most of them clearly expect that they will. The leadership contend-ers who have been subtly posi-tioning themselves this week for the contest they expect John Redwood to provoke after the general election are all seeking to broaden their appeal rather than to narrow it. Whether from the left or the right, the credible contenders aim to lead the whole of the

that it will write itself out of the significant political history of the next 20 years as soon as it gets the chance.

This is sloppy historicism of the worst kind, belittling the dozens of examples in both its recent and ancient history in which the Tory Party has which the Tory Party has toral system — not by wishful managed to regenerate itself thinking that the Tories will



# **Ghouls' paradise**

The Wests' house was razed this week to thwart souvenir grabbers. Duncan Campbell sees a double standard in our voyeuristic attitude to crime

year ago, the July indicated that they would like to visit number 25 Cromwell Street, where many of the bodies had been buried and bodies had been buried and up, local criminals were offerward in journalists night-time year ago, the jury may have taken place. The judge agreed that the media were entitled to attend, too. There will be no more such but, because there were 60 or 70 journalists present on everage every day, it would clearly be impossible for all to visit. We put our names in a metaphorical hat and a representation of the 1 and Chencel. sentative of the Lord Chancelthe draw in the sweaty and over-crowded press room that was our home for eight was our home for eight weary of tourists weeks. The Guardian "won" the ballot for the national who take photos of

Gloucester, driving behind House of Horror the jury, whose progress was being filmed from a helicopter above. In the back garden graphs. We were not allowed through, anyone dallying to-

by a police officer.

It became like Kim's Game: victims of the murdered how much could you remem- women and girls to see what ber, what was the right num-ber of steps to the first floor. Some would like a park, some was the mural in the room a simple memorial stone, and

house. Each brick will be ground to dust, all trace of the

The following day we boarded a bus for the trip to

that no one else will be able to of 25 Cromwell Street, we donned our hard-bats and
trooped silently round the
building. How tiny the rooms

are weary of the tourists who were, how grim the cellar, how tacky the decorations. The agreement was that we could not talk or take photovenirs, and there is a desire to pause as we walked in Gloucester to consign the through, anyone dailying to-house and the murders to hismake a note being nudged on lory. Now there is to be a

URING the trial of Rosemary West at and rejoined our colleagues. Winchester almost exactly a moved in to demolish the house, who seek souvenirs. house, who seek souvenirs from the rubble? Why are we so fascinated by the evil deeds of others? Does it say some-thing dark about us? The former Chief Rabbi, Lord Jakobovits, wrote in the

Daily Express this week about Cromwell Street that "to take 'souvenirs', even to think of hoarding some piece of rubble, is nothing less than a sacri-lege... Every part of the char-nel house should be ground into nothingness." He quoted the Book of Deuteronomy on what should be done to a city when the inhabitants have burn with fire the city and all the spoil thereof every whit

At Murder One, the book

and certainly Caroline Owens,

noted, we need to preserve remind ourselves of the hor- the subject of a film. rors we can inflict upon each

within should be retained a warning to resist their attackers, while other atrocities should be landscaped from our memory? Can some people learn from being in the presence of an evil site, while when they explore the dark side of life, while a member of

the public seeking the same access is a sick ghoul? I ask because I find the people shuffling round 25 when the inhabitants have abandoned God to worship idols: "And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof and shall a trip are just as curious about the Warts."

There is a notion

watch it in a film

their interest in crime?

The case of Leopold and

Loeb shocked America. These were two young men who had cold-bloodedly killed a school-

carry out the perfect crime.

row, the lawyer who saved

the two young murderers

made when people concerned

in the crime were still alive.

But the film is generally

acclaimed as a sensitive and

the spoil thereof every whit for the Lord thy God: and it shall be a heap for ever, it shall not be built again."

Again, very understandable; but set of "Great Crime and mystery, there is a Sheek Course" Sheek Course. box set of "Great Crimes Shock Cards" for sale. On one one of the Wests' victims who survived, is quite clear that there should be no trace left of the picture of its perpetrator the building, except perhaps a simple memorial for the women — in Gloucester Cathedral, away from the Instamatics and the gawps.

We have an ambivalent attitude towards the scenes of Robbery, Butch Cassidy, the atrocities. As Lord Jakobovits | St Valentine's Day Massacre, and so on Each one of those the concentration camps to crimes mentioned has been

Now if we were to hear that other. We visit battlefields some undistinguished dir-

IN THIS WEEK'S ESSAYIST, Duncan Campbell, is the with the bar of a Hawaiian or Caribbean scene, were the Behind all the coverage of The Underworld, a revised and updated edition of which is walls cream or white? We the demolition was the unspoPHOTOMONTAGE: ELIZABETH COULDWELL strange depravity of the

young men.

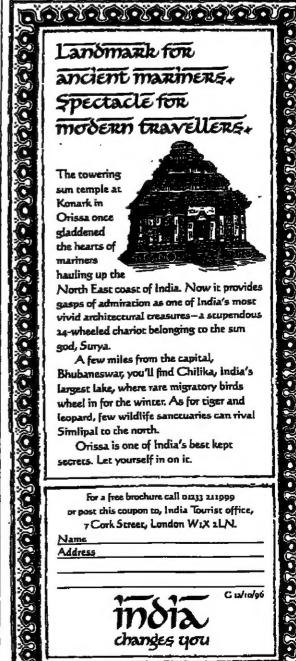
Just as I am pleased at the destruction of 25 Cromwell Street, I would be strongly opposed to the idea of a feature film of the Wests. The relatives have had enough without posters everywhere of films about the notorious slaughtered. The places where tortures and executions took place in London are now on sight-seeing tours. Are there some horrors which should be recalled as a tribute to the victims and a special content of the film of the Wests, what sliding scale of rationality here? Are some crimes fair taste, probably. The events are beyond bounds? Can the relatives and friends of the victims. What would the McVitie or George Cornell be where thousands were ector was about to embark on perpetrators. But where is the the victims. What would the point of the film be if not to appeal to the sight-seers of the Krays is made?

Cromwell Street?
Yet there are five books ghouls of Glouces-ter is an unease at already available about the case and a sixth, at least, to people learn from being in the presence of an evil site, while others are being merely voyeuristic? Is one person's interest in crime an intellectual concern, while another's is macabre tastlessness? Is a lawyer merely doing their job when they explore the dark interesting the property of the property but not to watch the crime criminologists, criminal lawyers, detectives, and all who read about crime — more noble? reconstructed in a film. Just because reading is a more "worthy" pursuit than sitting

The day 25 Cromwell Street was destroyed was also the day of the Princess Diana video hoax. It was just the latest sneaked shot or hidden that it is acceptable tape of someone designated as a justifiable target. I have to read about crime heard the same people who find interest in the West case in a book but not to ghoulish and highly suspect suggest that people like Prin-cess Diana, the Duchess of York and Paula Yates deserve in the back stalls, should only readers be allowed to indulge all they get because they chose the limelight.

We are encouraged to turn away from the sight-seers of Cromwell Street with revulsion, yet condone the peep-shows and spying and bugboy because they believed ging of people who have never who peeped through bedroom The film about the case, Com- windows used to end up in pulsion, starring Charles front of the magistrates and Laughton as Clarence Darwere seen as pathetic figures. Now we are being encouraged to emulate them at the same from the death penalty, was time that we are encouraged to see the souvenir-hunters of Cromwell Street as distasteful and degenerate.

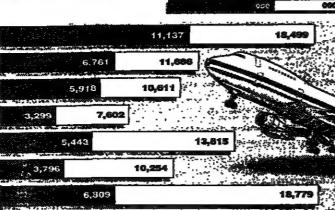
It is a pity that demolition valuable work both about the workers cannot take the death penalty and about the wrecker's ball to hypocrisy.



# Landing slots

Percentage of landing/tak off slots by national airling Lufthans 60%

# Operations



# BA prepares to fight the grandfather of all air battles

Small airlines accuse large rivals of hogging runways, but truth is more complicated, KEITH HARPER finds

ports reveals that British Airways is being unfairly accused of holding a dominant position at Heathrow by deliberately squeezing out its competitors, who would like a toehold at the world's busiest airport.

If you are the national carrier, you tend to get preferen-tial treatment in your own country. Figures from the latest twice-yearly cattle market in slots, the huge fixing cartel bosted by the International Air Transport Association. show that BA holds 36 per cent of the Heathrow slots (a time during the day when an aircraft is allowed to take off or land), which compares favourably with many other

Its nearest rivals are Swissair at Zurich with 37 per cent, and KLM at Amsterdam with 39 per cent. The gap wid-ens at Vienna, where Austrian Airlines own 43 per cent, Sabena has 56 per cent at Brussels, and Lufthansa

The busier the airport, the more intense the jockeying for space. Carriers fight for peak time slots, particularly to satisfy the demands of busi-

dence from the it has "grandfather" rights to main European air use it indefinitely — even to change the route for which it was originally obtained and fly to a different destination. The EU's transport commissioner, Neil Kinnock, hopes to

> the buying and selling of slots by the end of this year. EU regulations follow lata's guidelines, but the Commis-sion has been told by minis-ters to monitor effects and suggest changes. The 1993 reg ulations accept the principle of "grandfather" rights, al-though airlines must use slots for 80 per cent of the time, or

have drawn up guidelines for

The regulations tried to as sist new entrants to congested EU airports by creating pools of slots from more efficient use of runways or from slots returned by airlines. Half must be allocated to new enrants to the airport, who are defined as those which have lewer than four daily slots.

forfeit them.

But the British Civil Avia tion Authority has discovered that the slot pool does not lead to an increase in airline competition. It says that at Heathrow only 10 per cent of trants are at peak passenger times. One suggestion is a slot auction, but this could be

clude that an auction would favour the larger airlines at the expense of the independent carriers, but that will not prevent him from examining whether smaller airlines would need to be protected if buying and selling slots was

Indeed, Bob Ayling, BA's chief executive, has suggested that buying slots is a good idea, particularly at Heath-row, where the Americans are clamouring for access. When American Airlines BA's proposed new partner, took over TWA's Heathrow routes in 1991, it paid more

IRLINE executives frequently change hands for a considmoney. A London aviation lawyer has been quoted as saying that one pair of peak

hour Heathrow slots sold for £600 million. "Everyone in the industry agrees that it happens, but the process and the sums are shrouded in secrecy. You don't advertise slots up for sale in Exchange and Mart,"

declared an insider. Mr Kinnock will be closely monitoring the outcome of the British Government's review of Heathrow access. Right now, lan Lang, the trade and industry secretary, is studying a report from the Office of Fair Trading, which attempts to quell the storm BA alliance with American Airlines. To assuage the anger of other competitors mainly American, who fee threatened, and rivals like Richard Branson, whose Virgin Atlantic controls 16 per cent of Heathrow's slots, the OFT is expected to tell Mr Lang that a fairer division of

it does not, then the deal could collapse The French, like the British, have been fiercely keep-ing other carriers at arm's length at Charles de Gaulle

and Orly airports.

But the collapse of the troubled French airline, Air Liberté, has given BA a sudden opportunity. It is in talks to buy the airline which would double the size of its French operation and give it more

lots at Orly. If open skies are to be the order of the day in Europe and America, the politicisms still have to recognise the inevitability of hard commer cial expediency.

 Alitalia, the struggling Ital ian state airline, has been ccused of using its dominan position to damage rivals. The allegations came to

light during an inquiry by the Italian competition authori-ties, which started in Februby November 11 and could result in a 300 million lire (£43 million) fine. Alitalia, which has lost significant market share since competition was introduced, has de-

# Workaholic new premier seeks to kill off Zorba

night tonight, Greece, the European make Zorba The Greek and the happy-go-lucky work-style of his fun-loving compatriots

Mediterranean work ethics will be replaced by austere, Protestant ones as Athens attempts to clamber on the highway that will lead it, in-exorably, to full participation monetary union.

Or so says Prime Minister Costae Simitis, the socialist first, full, four-year term promises some of the biggest economic and social change

At midnight, the German-trained university professor, who replaced the late Andreas Papandreou before cruising to victory in early elections last month, will receive the vote of confidence his government constitution

ally requires. If the 60-year-old Mr Simitis has his way, the vote will usher in a "new Greece" with changes that have not been democracy in 1974.

"In the next four years must lay the foundations of a strong and contemporary Greece and a Greece of growth and prosperity," he of a three-day debate.
"Winning its equal place in

the European Union is the single biggest challenge Greece has faced in the post-

Like its southern European partners, Greece lives in fear ing to meet the convergence criteria laid out in the Maas-

After years of free-spending socialist policies — enacted during the heyday of Mr Papandreou's rule in the eight-ies — the state's coffers are now blighted by mammoth budget deficits. A booming black economy — estimated at as much as 50 per cent of all economic activity — and rampant tax evasion, have

Interest on state debts is now higher than the sum the cation, health, social welfare and culture.

But as with Spain, Italy and Portugal, Mr Simitis, a technocrat par excellence, is determined that Greece will join the EMU by the year 2000. Officials say they hope to rake in an extra 8,554 billion



Party's over . . . Simitis explains economic reality to his MPs

drachmas (£35 billion) with | bloated state sector — where improved tax collection, cuts in state spending and a merciless clampdown on tax relief.

"Fiscal reform is the basic prerequisite for our participation in Europe ... If Labour wins the election in Britain, the drive for monetary union will undoubtedly intensify," the prime minister told par-liament.

"Next year will be absolutely crucial in determining whether we will meet the cri-

The policies Mr Simitis plans to enforce in his bid to make Greece less of an impoverished Balkan country and more of a mainstream European one have been described as nothing short of revolu-

Streamlining Greece's Union would have cata- era in Greece.

almost a third of the work-force are employed — modernising its bureaucracy, expediting major infrastructure

nercial role, top his agenda. With his comfortable parliamentary majority, Mr Simitis says he will affect the changes despite the "political cost" The Greeks are experiencing their 11th year of economic austerity and a strong, left wing opposition ensures

works and promoting its com-

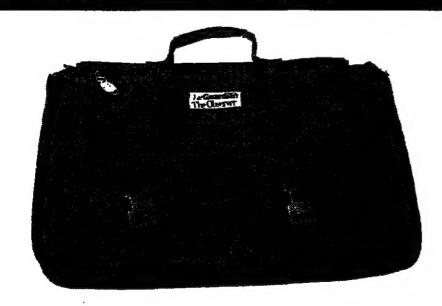
"Greece will not be like Sis-yphus," Mr Simitis said, referring to the ancient king of Corinth who, condemned to roll a huge stone uphili always saw it roll down again. "The marginalisation of

strophic economic and social Few doubt that, although

diffident and professorial in manner, the worksholic prime minister will not forge thead with his modernising programme. Since replacing Mr Papandreou in January, Mr Simitis has resolutely shunned the populist ha-rangues and maverick ways new style of government to the country.

may be dull and singularly uncharismatic, but that is what Greece needs," says Thancs Veremis, who heads a farm policy think-tank in Athens. "With his young, western-educated cabinet, he Greece in the European | marks the beginning of a new

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# Prosecutors take gloves off in 'clean hands' fight

JOHN GLOVER reports on the rebirth | tent. able to control who of Italy's anti-sleaze campaign as big corporations come under spotlight

TALY'S anti-corruption campaign is not as dead as racketeers might have hoped. The glory days of the "Mani Pulite" (Clean the "Main Pulite" (Clean Hands) investigation that ripped through corporate and political Italy in 1992-93, leaving in its wake crowds of senior managers and politicians languishing in jail, seemed to have ended in 1994 ended in 1994.

rants went out for five former managers of Gemina, a Milan-based holding company whose main share-holder is Fiat, in whose books huge, unexplained holes appeared last year. Ongoing investigations into Olivetti and the state

But this week arrest war-

railway, Ferrovie dello Stato, two of the country's largest enterprises, have brought evidence of dirty hands on the executive tiller. reaching investigation is

that into the murky goings-on at the FS railways. It

began last month with the arrest of Lorenzo Necci, the company's managing direc tor and one of Italy's best known managers, on corruption charges.

Mr Necci was swiftly fol-lowed into jail by Francesco Pacini Battaglia, a Swissbased banker who had fea-tured in an earlier corrup tion case involving the stat energy concern. ENL but had escaped arrest; and by other Necci cronies.

A S MANAGING direc-tor of the FS, Mr Necci would have controlled the 90 trillion lire (£40 billion) the government plans to spend on building a high-speed railway network.

Transcripts of tapped telephone conversations be-tween the banker and his contacts have since ap-

What was said gives the strong impression that Pa-cini Battaglia and his

got which senior state job. The whole affair has since broadened and politi-cal reputations are under threat, including that of Antonio Di Pietro, the man who led the Mani Pulite investigation and is now min-

ister of public works. While the state sector has offered the spectacle of obscure intrigues involving huge sums of public money, the private sector has fared little better. Olivetti's books, and the

managers who signed them, are under investigation by magistrates and regulators. Regulators are also looking into whether foreign institutions broke reporting rules on their trades in the

Meanwhile, magistrates think that Gemina and some of its operating com-panies were used as "in-struments to give preferen-tial finance to Gemina clients (and) to hide sizeable resources for the illicit enrichment of disloyal

The investigation threatens to bring in senior corporate personalities, in-cluding that of Cesare claque were, to some ex- Romiti, president of Fiat.

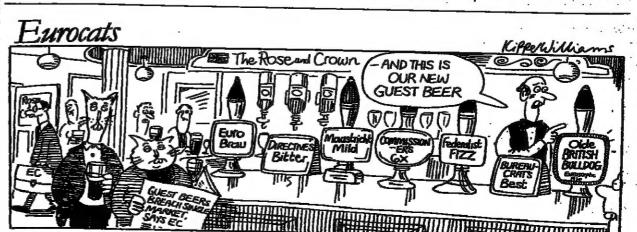
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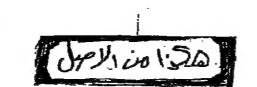
☐ Giorgio Fossa, president of the Italian business associa-tion, Confindustria, said that if the lira re-entered the European exchange rate mechanism at its present level it would "bring Italy to its knees". He said the lira's just value would be 1,000 or 1,100 to the German mark. Yesterday it was trading at 996.50 to

☐ This year's French GDP is likely to grow by 1.2 per cent, according to Insee, the statistics office, which has identified a 0.4 per cent ter. French inflation is running at 1.6 per cent. compared with 1.8 per cent in west Germany.

☐ The Spanish unemployment rate rose to 13.82 per cent in September from 13.50 per cent in August as the end of the tourist season led to an increase in joblessness, the labour ministry said. -

☐ Hoechst has expanded its presence in Russia by formne two new compan industrial chemicals and pharmaceuticals. Hoechst expects sales worth £220 million in the CIS this year, of which £166 million will be achieved in Russia.





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# **Eight bank** bosses get £14m in pay and perks

Anger over City rewards is reignited by Close Brothers

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HE storm over City pay packages was fu-elled last night with the disclosure that eight directors of Close Brothers, the small, independent merchant bank, have this year scooped pay and perks of over £14 million. More than £8 million was shared by three of the firm's top executives. The packages, on the scale

of lottery jackpot prizes, are detailed in the company's annual report. They are cer-tain to stoke concerns over the enormous payments handed out in the financial

sector.

The disclosure over the Close perks bonanza came Just 24 hours after it emerged that NatWest gave £2 million "golden handcuffs" to 120 investment bankers while BZW admitted it is giving 25.8 million over two years to its new chief executive, Bill Harrison. It is understood that the

Bank of England is now making known its concern at the excessive rewards. The Bank's fears are thought to centre on the possibility that City professionals may undertake wildly risky strategies which could undermine their institutions - in order to secure the enormous perfor-

to the end of July, the firm's eight executive directors Let's face it, it's the profits received pay, annual bonuses that the staff generate, received pay, annual bonuses that the staff generate, and pension contributions of \$23.4 million. In addition, they are due to share long-term for those chosen few."

OUR top Morgan Gren-

fell executives are expected to quit next week after the blue-chip investment

tion into the unconventional

investment practices of rogue

Under keenest scrutiny is

Keith Percy, chief executive

of the bank's asset manage-ment arm and ultimate boss

of Mr Young, who ran the

company's two star European

as the driving force behind

unit trust funds.

fund manager Peter Young.

Richard Miles

performance-related emoluments of £2.5 million. In addition, six of the directors shared more than 28 million after cashing in share

options.
Peter Stone, Close's solicitor, emerged at the top of the firm's remuneration league with a cool £2.86 million, in cluding share option profits of over £2.43 million. Corpo-rate financier Peter Winkworth received £2.68 million, including a share option windfall of £2.22 million. Rod-erick Kent, the firm's managing director, raked in £2.6 million, including £2.07 million from share options.

By contrast, Brian Winter-flood, head of the firm's mar-ketmaking arm, Winterflood Securities, was well down Close's pay and perks list, with a "modest" £842,000 — including £369,000 in pension contributions Close Brothers' directors

may be in the big pay league but the firm is not in the City's first division, which is now dominated by huge, often foreign-owned institutions. Close's pre-tax profits for the period were £45 million —

an increase of about 33 per cent. But this compares with £157 million profit recorded by BZW in June — for just six months of the year. Bifu, the banking union, yesterday described the

NatWest golden handcuffs deal as an "insult" to 20,000 staff whom the bank has already made redundant and the thousands more who are set to lose their jobs over the next few years.

Rory Murphy, general sec-retary of NatWest's staff mance payments.
Close Brothers' annual being paid to keep a few socalled important staff in positions is a real slap in the face.

to £70 billion from just

£14 billion five years ago.

Also in the frame are Glyn

Owen, chief investment offi-

Mike Wheatley, head of com-

pliance, and Graham Kane,

chief executive of the unit

trust management arm who

signed off the annual manage

ment reports for both of Mr Young's funds.

A Morgan Grenfell spokes-man declined last night to

comment on the resignations

Mr Percy is widely credited but confirmed that the bank's the driving force behind own internal investigation,

the rapid growth of Morgan undertaken by a 25-strong

Is the Pope a

Not when he

played football.

**Exclusive interview** 

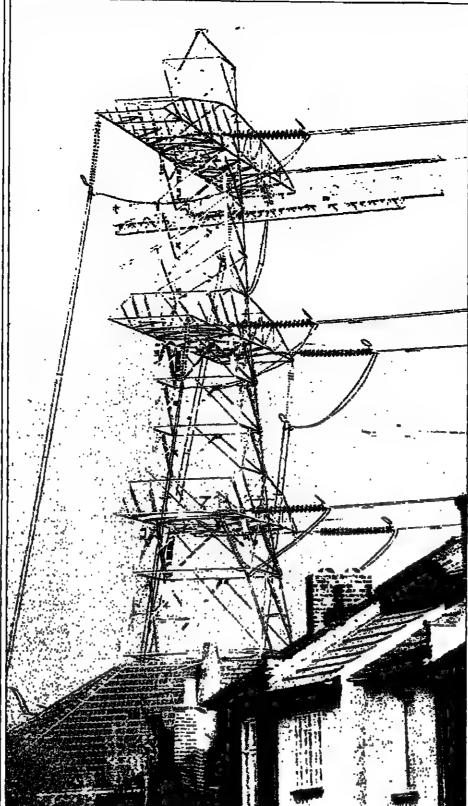
with the Pope's

best mate...a

Polish Jew.

The Observer

catholic?



Looming large . . . Researchers claim to be on the verge of establishing a link between the presence of electricity systems and cancer

pledged to buy up any un-wanted units to head off a run

Imro's investigation is un-likely to be concluded for at

least a month and Morgan

Grenfell says the 90,000 inves

tors in the three funds, many

of whom have since with-

drawn their money, will have to wait until then before they receive any compensation for

losses arising from Mr

The SFO raided Mr Young's

2450,000 home in Bucking-

hamshire last month, but

have yet to press charges, al-though his passport has been impounded. Mr Young, who has been dismissed by Mor-

Time Warner, following its

\$7.5 billion (£4.85 billion) merger with his Turner

Broadcasting System. He put pressure on Time Warner to

cut costs and boost revenues

by \$600 million, double the amount it initially predicted after the purchase of Turner.

McKinsey & Co, the man-

agement consultant, has been

brought in to go through Time Warner's expenses with a fine-tooth comb. McKinsey

will scrutinise Time Warner's

perks, from its small fleet of

corporate jets to resort homes in Colorado and in Mexico. Mr Turner, husband of

Jane Fonda, is said to have

been taken aback at the fre-

quent use of corporate planes

at Time Warner and its gener-ous pay and severance

Mr Turner is not even mak-

ing allowances for his own kin. He told his son Robert, a

promotions manager at

axed as part of the merger.
"You're toast," Mr Turner

declared to his son over a

Young's management.

Morgan four may quit after inquiry |SFA opens first

Institutional investors, including several large pension funds, are understood to have

the Serious Fraud Office.

The scandal prompted the gan Grenfell for "gross mis-

intervention of Morgan Gren-fell's German parent, Deut-nied any fraudulent activity.

Skinflint rides

into Hollywood

shed its corporate largesse, especially in compensation Turner, that his job would be

bered with the arrival of the family meal in an Atlanta

Grenfell's fund management | team from City accountants | sche Bank, which poured business, which has seen the | Ernst & Young, is due to be money under its control swell | completed "within the next | funds and subsequently

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in the wake of last month's

debacle which led to the 72-hour suspension in the deal-

ing of three Morgan Grenfell

investment funds.

Trading in the three funds,

which at their peak attracted £1.4 billion of investors' money, was frozen at the be-

ginning of September after the discovery of "potential ir-regularities", which triggered

the launch of an official inves-tigation by City watchdog Imro and the involvement of

Month Tyram by Many York

med TURNER, the CNN mogul turned Number Two at Time Warner, is

bringing his skinflint ap-

proach to a company notori-

ous for lavishing perks — from corporate jets to holiday

hideaways - on its Holly-

wood stars. Time Warner's habit of cod-

dling its artists was assidu-ously cultivated by Steve

Ross, the company's previous chairman, once described as

the "last pasha in American

Mr Ross would think noth-

ing of lending his chartered boat to Dustin Hoffman or

giving expensive works of art

While such extravagances

have been curbed under Ger-

ald Levin. Mr Ross' successor,

Time Warner has not entirely

and severance packages for

Those days could be num-

penny-pinching Mr Turner at | restaurant.

The Nobel view of tax

Page in Monday's Guardian. The professor

has been prepared to admit.

expounds his belief that middle England can

James Mirrlees, the latest Nobel Prize winner in

economics, writes exclusively for the Economics

afford to pay higher taxes than any political party

o Barbra Streisand.

ts top executives.

# cases **'war** chest

usiness Correspondent

■HE electricity indu try is to set up a fight-ing fund to contest court cases expected in the wake of research linking cancer to a wide range of electrical systems.

As it emerged that power companies are starting an £8 million war chest, a leading academic forecast that science would soon tilt the balance of proof in favour of plaintiffs claiming that they, or their chil-dren, had developed cancer because of exposure to elec-tro-magnetic fields.

Professor Denis Henshaw of Bristol University's physics department said: "The science is moving at such speed that we are getting close to someone bring-ing a court case which would be viable."

Last February, Prof Hen-shaw and colleagues published research demonstrating an indirect link between EMF and cancers. Rather than seek a direct link, by exposing cells to EMF. Prof Henshaw showed that carcinogens are attracted to electro-magnetic fields and then ingested by people living near power lines or in houses ex-posed to the fields. Prof Henshaw's paper appears to provide a causal link between electricity and cancer. So far the only connection has been from

epidemiology. The insurance broker Willis Corroon was reported to have advised South Western Electricity, the National Grid, London Electricity and others to set up a Guernsey-based fund to pay court costs.

Lawyer Martin Day, rep-resenting families in cases pending against Norweb, the Grid, Eastern Group and Northern Electric, said the companies' £8 million fund was "massively more" than his clients' legal aid.

pefore SFA tribunals over the

Five other top Barings staff have accepted SFA bans of up

scheduled to appear in early

to present any defence be-

cause he claims to be the

whistleblower who brought Leeson down. The other two taking their cases to tribunals

are Ms Walz and James Bax,

who led Barings' South East Asian operation, for which

If found guilty, the former executives would be able to

sion but Mr Baker, whose

case is expected to last three

He said he has been person-ally penalised because of the

next three to four months.

for a full tribunal.

Mr Leeson worked.

of Barings' linancial prod-ucts, contributed to the peals tribunal for a final deci-

up to three years from senior to four weeks, said yesterday

management positions in the that he is confident about the City because of "his lack of result of the hearing.

Mr Baker, who was criti- innuendo and speculation

cised along with a host of that has surrounded the col-others in the Bank of England report on the collapse, is the first of four former Barings | role in the bank's failure.

case against

**Barings chiefs** 

Cancer Saturday Notebook

# An ill-wind from soaraway pound



Alex Brummer

HE foreign exchanges have chosen to ignore the green budget warn-ings by the Institute for Fiscal Studies and Goldman Sachs about the potential dangers of tax cuts and are continuing to pile into sterling.

They were apparently im-pressed by the reception received by Kenneth Clarke and John Major at the Tory Party Conference, even though the best this duo could come up with was to trot out the hardy annuals of the universal 20p in the pound tax rate and abolition of inheritance and capital gains taxes.

All of which seems over-ambitious, given the recognised need, in the green budget and by the International Monetary Fund, to deal with the level of UK borrowing.

But one doesn't necessarily look to the currency markets for sound political judgment. At present sentiment is running strongly in favour of sterling, which reached a 21-month high of 2.41 against the German mark and 1.5753 against the dollar. Certainly, for those — like Mr Major — who have in the not so distant past seen sterling as a virility symbol for the economy, the new strength will be seen as

laudable.

It will also, for the moment, obviate the need for a base rate rise, since a stronger pound acts as a barrier against rising prices.

There is no shortage of reasons explaining the pound's current strength. It is forgotten sometimes that sterling is a petro-currency, so the recent increase in oil prices which, at \$20.71 a bar-rel, were 28 per cent higher in he third quarter of this year than a year ago, may well be a factor. Market experts have referred also to the proposed large inward investment by BMW in Rover. The far better and medium-term explanation is the likely relationship of Britain to the European

Monetary Union.

Among the prime candidates to be part of the euro, Britain is in the unusual posi-tion of being a potential "in" as such executives who will appear Italy and Spain are, on economic and convergence grounds, probable "outs" that would like to be "in

Thus the pound is a relatively high-yielding currency, to three years without calling with the Government and Oplan Hopkins, another position promising fiscal senior bank executive, is restraint, which will not be part of the hard currency 1997, although he is refusing | core.

It is a much more attractive proposition than other high-yielding currencies and, in addition, has a strong trade and investment link with the dollar, which is now on a

for complacency about any of this. First, if the next Govern-ment did decide, after looking at the economic factors, that the UK should be in the first wave after monetary union. there would be a high risk that the upward surge in the pound would take Britain in at an unsustainable exchange

uncompetitive, crushing overseas demand and growth. Sterling drama has been a leltmotif for post-war British governments: the situation in 1997 will be no different.

## Pay football

HE surge in the shares of Manchester United is a reflection of a more mature approach to football clubs with public quotes. Until recently clubs were regarded as the personal fiefdoms of publicity-seeking businessmen and being a sharebolder under such cir-cumstances was only for the most enthusiastic supporter The United experience has demonstrated that a football

club can be exploited as a brand like any other, in much the same way as Richard Branson has moved Virgin from the music business to an airline, retailing and finan-cial services. Tottenham Hot-spur has shown that brand exstream of income; its sponsor ship revenues climbed by 55 per cent and merchandis-ing by 37 per cent in the last financial year.

But the real way to look at football clubs is as lpart of the leisure industry. It is no coincidence that the bld interest which has helped to push up United's shares comes from that sector, with such media and catering groups as Gra-nada and Whitbread the most mentioned names. Whitbread has already effectively recognised the importance of lel sure brands and concept with its absorption and expansion of the David Lloyd sports clubs nationwide.

None of this is very new. Across the Atlantic, such top paseball franchises as the New York Yankees and Balti-more Orioles have developed into enormous businesse

Satellite and cable televi-sion, in the shape of Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB, has trans formed the economics of the Premiership. But the arrival of pay-per-view television could pose a serious threat to BSkyB's base. If, for instance, Granada and/or Michael Grade were to be successful in obtaining control of United or one of the UK's other top franchise clubs, they could eventually break away from the Premiership deal and cast in their lot with an alternative channel. It is estimated that top-ranking Premiership clubs — with worldwide distribution — could command

fees in billions. Plainly, United is in the best position to exploit this. But no one should discount which have chosen the public route: Spurs may be struggling, but it has a great name. Chelsea may still have board droom problems, but it will

eventually resolve them.

Even Celtic and Milwall shares have begun to move. The United focus on branding and pay-per-view is trans forming the prospects for the whole sector.

# firmer course, There is, however, no room Devon retreat

OLDMAN Sachs economist Gavyn Davies is best known for his role in the authoritative green budget and his sympathies for the Labour Party, new and old. The Blairites could not help but be impressed by Mr Davies' ability to break into rate. This would repeat Mr that last bastion of hunting and shooting, Country Life, with a glowing description of Baggy House, the Le Corbuouside, a hard sterling rate siter inspired mansion in the last test for mansion in the last test test in the last bastion of hunting and shooting. which kept pace with the euro would render British exports Devon. Just right for pre-bud-get away days.

| Majestic's AlM

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drink to founder

JOHN Apthorp, founder of the Majestic Wine group

and a former Guardian Young

Businessman of the Year, will

have a price tag of more than

£16 million placed on his per-sonal fortune when the com-

pany joins the Alternative In-

Majestic, which specialises

in selling caseloads of wine, operates 59 stores in the UK.

It reported a 70 per cent rise

in profits to £1,24 million in

the year to April on sales of

£40 million. Sales were just

£30 million and profits less than £450,000 in the year to

The company is 80 per cent

Lisa Suckinstran

vestment Market.

# Euro cheer for future of UK's real ales

Sarah Whitebloom

HE first formal regula-

tory hearing of a former Barings Brothers execu-

tive begins on Thursday with

the Securities and Futures Authority's case against Ron

Baker, who was Nick Lee-

son's direct manager at the

time of the bank's collapse in

February last year. The week is set to be domi-

nated by memories of the £830 million Barings débacle

as another Barings executive,

Mary Walz, claims £500,000 in "unpaid bonuses" at an in-

dustrial tribunal in London.

The SFA is not alleging that Mr Baker, formerly head

bank's collapse, but is press-ing for him to be banned for

skill and care in management".

Julie Wolf in Brussels

OPES rose yesterday for an amicable resolution to a dispute between the Government and the European Commission that threatens the future of Britain's small

Following talks between British and EU officials, the commission said a compromise should be reached by the end of the year. British officials were more cautious, but one said: "There is probably scope for defusing it [the the BSE catastrophe began to row]."

At the heart of the dispute is Britain's "guest beer" law, under which tied pubs can offer one draught ale from an outside supplier, providing it is cask conditioned or sold in the barrel in which fermentation took place.

The commission argues that this requirement favours British beers, as cask conditioned beers are rare on the Continent — thereby undermining the single market. However, advocates of the system say it has led to a revival in traditional ales.

ravages of the BSE crisis. Lisa Bucidingham Brian Donohoe, Labour MP for Cunninghame South, which includes the Kilwin-ning factory, blamed the clo-sure on the Government's THE impact of the mad cow crisis on Britain's meat "failure to deal effectively with the BSE crisis".

270 jobs go as BSE

crisis closes plant

industry yesterday prompted the closure of one of Scot-land's oldest canning plants with the loss of more than 270 jobs. The Robert Wilson canning operation at Kilwinning will be shut because its owner, Hillsdown Holdings, predicts there will be no end to its losses. Robert Wilson was suffer-

hit the meat industry in March. It is one of only three meat businesses still owned by Hillsdown, which plunged into loss in the first half of the year as a result of closures in its red-meat businesses which have, in turn, given it some protection against the worst | parable period of 1995.

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reported a first half loss of £44 million compared with a £68 million profit in the com-

He described Hillsdown's

decision as a "tremendous blow to the local economy",

and union officials said last

night they would attempt to

organise action to save most of the jobs at risk.

Hillsdown said that despite

"considerable efforts to offset the dramatic loss of sales and

profitability by both staff and

continues to incur unaccept-able losses."

The group recently

management, the business

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owned by Mr Apthorp who founded the Bejam frozen foods retailer in 1969 and ran the business until it was sold

March 1994.

to Iceland 20 years later. Tim How, chief executive of Majestic — which was formed from the merger of Majestic Wine Warehouses and Wizard Wine, a former iceland unit said the company had decided to seek a flotation on AIM to raise its profile.

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# Finance Guardian

# The child picking jasmine for French perfume houses barely makes a living wage. ROGER COWE asks if we are really prepared to swallow the fair trade premium



# The costly scents of exploitation

houses before dawn in the mud of the Nile delta have a new ally — the British shopper. Consumers are now in the

trade-induced injustices as the emphasis shifts from cam-The latest move to enlist

shoppers in this fight is the launch on Tuesday of the Ox-fam FairTrade Company. The company will transform Oxfam's approach to

selling crafts and food and hopes to reduce losses the charity has built up. With a more professional management approach, improved presentation and

tighter product ranges, the appeal is to the consumer, not the charitable, instinct. Donated clothing will be played down, and in some cases

Development agencies have not abandoned the idea of a new world order in which poor countries' debts are

improve workers' pay. In-deed, they are pushing for these issues to be discussed at the Singapore meeting of the World Trade Organisation in December. Nor have trade unions given up the notion of

global membership. But those targets are as remote now as they were in the seventies, when Oxfam and Traidcraft began importing trinkets from countries such as India and

Yet world market prices of crops such as coffee still threaten to impoverish their producers. Globalisation of industry makes it easier for manufacturers to pursue ever-lower labour costs, moving production as wages rise. An elastic concept, fair trade is not just about price, says Pauline Tiffen of Twin Trading, a partner in the Cafedirect venture. "It is a trad-ing chain where the producers are not the weakest link, where due respect is given to their skills and contribution. "But it's not just positive iscrimination — consumers

Phil Wells, director of the Fairtrade Foundation, said: "It is trade which empowers the disadvantaged producer. The foundation, set up in 1992, is involved in both strands of the fair-trade movement: addressing the needs of agricultural produc-

Both strands rely on a will-ingness among western shoppers to pay more, albeit for higher quality goods. First, products such as Cafedirect bypass existing brand owners to offer an alternative, giving producers better terms. The foundation awards a Fairtrade Mark which tells shoppers they are paying a "social premium" but guarantees minimum living and working conditions. The mark has so far been attached to chocolate

and tea, as well as coffee. suading western companies to insist on higher standards in their suppliers' factories. Last week Sainsbury and the Co-op signed up for a pilot project to work out how to de-

Separately, charities are trying to apply consumer of retailers against appalling third world conditions. Oxaimed at Marks & Spencer, Burton, C&A, Next and Sears. The World Development Movement is targeting toy buyers, with the focus next

pic sports goods. se campaigns have beer sparked in part by events, such as the 188 fire deaths at a That toy factory in 1993, but mainly by the endemic exploi-tation in countries where cheap clothes, toys and foot-

wear are now produced.
Workers who make a pair of £50 trainers typically share £1 in wages. As little as 4p goes to workers out of £12.99 paid by a UK consumer for an important about

imported shirt. Alison Ive of Oxfam said pay is seldom the key issue. Security of employment, health and safety, working hours and intimidation are

more important. "There should be no forced overtime. and if there are long hours there must be breaks. Campaigners want to stamp

out 60-hour weeks, fines for failing to meet production targets and poor protection from lethal chemicals. In the US, where brands such as Reebok and Levis have acted to stave off con-

sumer pressure, the emphasis has been on child labour. N many cases the children working in the carpet factories and clothing sweatshops of India and Bangladesh, or the train-

illegally.
This not only makes them very vulnerable but also emphasises that action is needed on the ground, as President Fernando Cardoso of Brazil said yesterday. Brazil has three million child-workers, and Mr Cardoso proposed amending the law to ban

South-east Asia are there

Boycotts may cut the pay of child workers like the Nile companies can demand

under-14s from working, Leg islation alone would not be enough, he warned, cauing for "a change in our

Modern western sensibilities suggest that manufactur ers who employ children

velopment workers urge Oxfam cites the upheaval in

the Bangladesh clothing in-dustry when US senator Tom Harkin put forward a bill to ban the import of products made with child labour.

Factory owners threw out children to ensure they could keep selling to US customers, with the result that families lost vital income and thousands of children were left living on the streets, many dragged into prostitution.

So engagement rather than boycott is preferred, although campaigns such as the Burma Action Group urge boycotts of retailers using suppliers to put pressure on

the military regime.

The aim is to get British companies using developing-world suppliers to adopt codes of conduct that will en-sure better conditions. The Fairtrade Foundation Charter lays down 10 principles such codes should embrace and which should see suppliers working towards Interna-tional Labour Organisation

standards as a minimum.

Adopting a code is not enough. The toy industry has ing shoe workshops of a code of practice but, as Jessica Woodroofe of the World Development Movement says: "The whole procedure as-sumes that the code is not going to work. Companies need to monitor factories, which they do already for product quality and safety. And there must be some form of inde pendent audit."

ARTURO JIMENEZ helps to run Union de Ejidos de la ASelva, a coffee co-operative in Comitan in the Chiapas region of Mexico, which was one of Cafédirect's original suppliers five years ago. It serves about 1,300 growers in

Keeping the coyotes at bay

42 scattered communities.

"When a community gets a new warehouse built with
50 or 60 per cent of the resources coming from the Union,
then I know it has worked", he said. "It is important that

we can deliver something for the growers, so that they stop borrowing money at such high interest rates."

His general manager, Jose Juarez, said the crucial factor was escaping the hated middlemen. "These coyotes would arrive and offer a price. The producers would begin to deposit their coffee. But they would only get a stop of the fraud would begin to deposit their coffee. But they would begin to deposit their coffee. But they would begin and small prepayment for it. Then the fraud would begin and

the producers would be left with nothing."

Cafedirect makes a prepayment worth 60 per cent of
the consignment value to help cash flow and keep growers away from money lenders. It also guarantees a minimum price and a continuing relationship, which is crucial to offset the volatility of the coffee price on world markets. And the growth of the coffee price on world markets. And the growth of the goard premium when the world price is higher than the guarantee.

Marketing director Hamilton Darketing director Hamilton Darketing director.

Marketing director Humphrey Pring calculates that over five years Union de la Selva has received \$90,000 (£58,000) in premiums. That might not sound much — but in the Chiapas, where a teacher's salary is \$200 a month, he estimates it is worth £1 million.

That cash has been used for for roads, sewing workshops and bread shops, paties for drying coffee, water tanks — and a satellite dish to access coffee price data. "It gives the growers the knowledge when to sell and when not to sell," said Mr Pring.

sis of sourcing products from cocoa butter to baskets and pottery in small communities. Ms MacDonald has established procedures for identi-Sourcing is one thing. Sell-

ing is another. And there is the nightmare of balancing tight stock control with the needs of the producers for stable, long-term demand.

"A lot of people don't understand how difficult it is," Ms MacDonald said. "It takes a lot of commitment But do shoppers care enough? The evidence of the

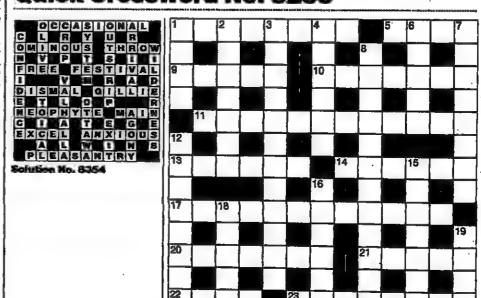
mitted, even in a company with an explicit commitment green boom in the late 1980s to different trading patterns.
The former Oxfam worker
was recruited two years ago
to sort out the the company's suggests\_that in Britain people will not pay more. even for values they espouse. Richard Adams, who has been behind most fair-trade Trade Not Aid campaign. which had falled to make substantial purchases. It has now now runs Out Of This World,

been renamed Community | an ethical consumer co-opera-Trade, to reflect the empha | tive. He believes many camers and retailers to meet their demands, and wonders whether there is enough altruism in the tough 1990s. "A generation has grown up being told that the world is

> fair trade niche, idea is entering the mainstream. This week the British Retail Consortium agreed to ufacturers, retailers and the Department of Trade and Injustry to attack exploitation.

Chris Williams, spokesman for C&A, which last year set up its own auditing operation, said: "There's a time for everything. Now a lot of people are saying: let's try to push fair trade forward'.

# Quick Crossword No. 8255



- 1 Hasten (8)
- 5 Light trades exhibition

It is not easy, as Body Shop's Jacqui MacDonald ad-

- just -- fine (4) 9 Hanging tapestry (5)
- 10 Preparing food or concocting books! (7)
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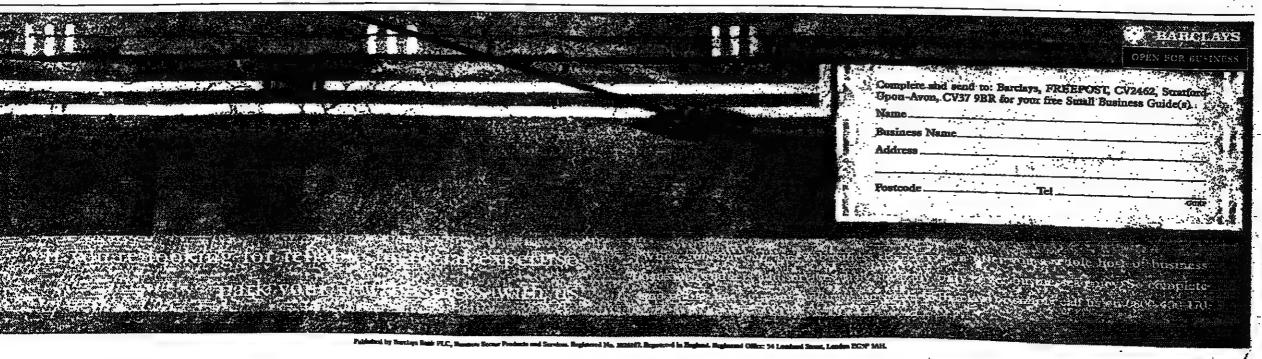
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nade demons, was an unwel-

come spectre from the near beyond. Last time the Tories were

in Bournemouth, Sir James Goldamith was a corporeal presence, at
a fringe rally under the aegis of
Lord Tebbit. This year, relationships are different.

"I've had tens upon tens of Tory
MPs coming here", he told me the
other day in his Belgravia drawing-room, "pleading with me not
to run against them". In social
conversation, he lets his listeners
know what he thinks about the
politicians of the day with a usage

politicians of the day with a usage that perhaps owes more to the dis-course of his other country, France: "I vomit on the Govern-

ment."

Whether Goldsmith will get anywhere with his party, the Referendum Party, depends on your definition of where anywhere is at. The Tories know he could dame and them and some Labour MPs.

age them, and some Labour MPs too have paraded through his

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AN INVESTMENT with a

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won't tie me down for years.

Any ideas?

**George Smith** 

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prove they've backed a referen-

dum on Europe, the only creden

tial that might excuse them the

tycoon's invasion of their turf.
In some places, 500 votes for the

seat. But seats and votes aren't what the leader is about. He is not,

after all, a politician. He's into "political activity" not a political career, he finely insists.

Suppose, I said, you knew now you would get only 1 per cent of the vote? "It wouldn't change my action one tota," he replied. "If the only person to vote with me was

my son, it wouldn't change for me

in any way what I'm doing. It's just one must, to some extent, separate the party from its leader. The

party has a simple object: to create enough pressure to bring about a wide-ranging referendum of British opinion on what it sees as the already existent fact of a "fed-

eral" Europe. The Tory pledge on a

single-currency referendum, Gold-smith said, is "a complete and

rages against evils of Myystrict

total deception, as usual". It will be too late, and won't address the real issue. For Dr Mawhinney or

Mr Major to have imagined that this loose, unbridled cannon was

someone they could ever negotiate with misunderstood how glancing

of the real world.

The party, he insists, contains federalists as well as Little Englanders, all united in their passion for the people's verdict, though the

rederalists are fig-leaves. The great majority agree with his own foam-ing hostility to the European Union. As well as some of Jimmy's cranky friends, the candidates are

a rag-bag of no-party anti-party and one-time-party zealots, of varying distinction, who nonethe-less have \$20m behind them, more

than the Liberals have seen at the

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believes will condemn the Tories to a period of exile on the opposition benches. Granted a rare audience,

Hugo Young sounds out the renegade billionaire

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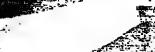




















# Them on them

The global view

Television is pitiless, but he doesn't try to defend himself from its assault. He puts bimself on show in all his weakness. There's a Christian message in this defenceless public display. It's a rare message in an age in which it seems admiration is always reserved for the strongest The Pope puts himself on the side of the weak. Cardinal Achille Silvestrini commenting in Corriere della

The dramatic events at Vatnajokul remind us of the immense forces of nature that rule our Icelandic lives. The

sons we can draw from them are that our homeland deserves our continued respect and caution; and that such events can only strengthen our sense of togetherness. common responsibility. Morgunbladid, a Reykjavík newspaper, on this week's volcanic eruption which happened underneath Europe's largest glacier

Members of the 2 opposition Party of the Democratic Revolution in the state of Guerrero seized 45 cows they alleged were to be used to bribe voters in Sunday's state 🎇 elections. From the Mexican daily a Jornada

## Us on us

The British view

Seventeen candles cast a glow in Dunblane a symbol of a brighter future devastated by the events of March 13. The occasion was a sombre one, yet the congregation which packed the pews was dressed brightly - a result of a request from the bereaved parents not to treat it as a funeral service. Stirling Observer

Postal workers have put pen to paper to com-plain about animal lovers who allow their pets to urinate on mail boxes. A spokesman for the Royal Mail's Blackburn collections team complained

This week last year October 8, 1995

HE Labour leadership

couldn't believe its luck. On the eve of last

vear's Conservative party

Conservative MP for Strat-

conference, Alan Howarth -

ford-upon-Avon — defected to

Labour. The news overshad-

owed the start of the conference and dominated the

week's coverage. The Conser-

vatives were furious. Apart

from the timing, eclipsing

comeback conference for a

aleaze-tainted government.

Howarth's constituency

his life became fair game for

party in Stratford-upon-Avon

wned him. Everything in

what was to have been a

the defection reduced

Major's majority to live.

the Tory press; even the

separation from his wife.

said she hoped to patch up

the marriag

who supported his action and

Tabloid digging revealed a "close friendship" with

Labour peer Patricia Hollis.

She had, apparently con-tributed both to his marital

reakdown and his defection

The Sun unearthed a "Trai-

his sexy leftie pal," although

tor's trip down under with

after delivery staff became sick of the stench on letters they handled. And an open letter to the Evening Telegraph reads
"Sometimes the mail bags get wet with urine. Stale dog urine is one of the foulest smells. When you are walking your dog, think of us." Lancashire Evening Telegraph

The fact that there has been no knee-jerk reaction to the Lisburn bombing indicates just how anxious everyone is to hang on to the remnants of peace. This contrasts with ome apocalyptic reporting in the national media. There has been almost an essumption that "war" will be resumed.

It's a bore crossing the floor

Alan Howarth . . . was it worth the bad time?

it turned out to be nothing

more interesting than a par-

liamentary delegation. For a

while it looked as if Howarth

had pulled it off. When Par-

liament reconvened, he was

photo-opportunity shaking

hands with Tony Blair out-

and he found himself in an

unprecedented situation: he

was the first sitting Tory MP

Labour, and was reviled not

only by the entire Parliamer

tary Conservative Party, but

also by parts of the opposi-tion. While the Labour lead-

ership was pleased with its

ever to cross the floor to

The headlines died down,

side the Commons.

seen in a carefully staged



There aren't too many can demand and get cash up front for goods and services about to be rendered, but should you answer to the calling of con man, it seems, you can expect to be paid instantly regardless of the

quality of your product. That is the lesson of the Diana video scandal, in which a fast-talking American lawyer and an anonymous Turk fleeced the Sun of £100,000 in return for a tape, supposedly of Princess Di and James

catch (could there be enough

where he came from to over-

"Old" Labour saw his defec-

tion as proof the party had

Party activists in Went

constituencies to receive the

Howarth CV, pointed out that

under the party's constitu-

stand as a Labour MP in the

not been a party member for

April, the NEC duly amended

Once that had freed him,

1997 election, since he had

the required two years. In

Howarth to stand after all.

he set off on a quest for a

the rule book to allow

tion he was ineligible to

worth, one of the earliest

moved too far to the right

turn Malor's malority?).

Hewitt romping in their underwear, but in fact made by an aspiring film director as a demo sketch idea for

Rory Bremner. Pleying a dirty trick on the editor of the Sun may not seem the most beinous crime. Deceived editor Stuart Higgins, though, was severely embarrassed while his proprietor, Rupert Murdoch, was reportedly incandescent about the waste

of money and credibility. If there were a week to fall foul of a dirty trick, this was it. Sadder still was Mrs was II. Seases of Portheavi, Diane Jones of Portheavi, who for years believed her husband Tony's job as a fazi driver was merely a cover for his real profession as an undercover SAS officer. It transpired at his trial for theft and deception that the taxi driving was in fact a cover for his secret life - as a taxi driver.

seat, armed with a five page CV and Blair approved letter of application. Officially he

has only put himself forward

falled to make it on to the six-

Howarth has shown interest

in almost every constituency

that has been available, so far

His current seat, Stratford-

taken. If Howarth does find a

eat, he is likely to face a chal-

"I think at the moment his

lenge from Arthur Scargili,

against him wherever it is.

confidence varies from day

Patricia Constant. "He hasn

after the election — he's still

After his defection, it was

thought that there were other

Conservatives watching and

waiting, though as it happens

Emma Nicholson has been

the only to follow suit. Tory

Central Office will no doubt

e delighted if Howarth fails

to find a new constituency, as

that would send out a firm

message to other potential

kiss your political career

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Emily Barr

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to day," says his assistant

made any other plans for

hoping for a seat.

upon-Avoz, was already

who has vowed to stand

to no avall.

strong shortlist. However.

for Manchester Wythenshawe and Sale, where he

So elaborate was the faking of Mr Jones's life as SAS

Lieutenant Colonel that he enrolled mates as "regimen tal comrades" at his full military honours wedding. He even shot himself in the arm to convince Diane that he had

en injured in the Gulf war.

Despite years of dirty tricks, Diane professes still to love Tony. This was not, however, the attitude of Colin Wallace, a former army officer who suffered a dirry trick at the bands of some shadowy soul in the security services and was less than pleased at their deception. Wallace's convic-tion for manslaughter was quashed by the Court of Appeal this week after a 16 year campaign to clear his name. While Tony Jones pretended to be an SAS man, the police, it appears, tried to make out that Wallace was one in order to secure

his conviction. With all respects to the done down Wallace, the dirty trick of the week

Con man/woman .... Dustin Hoffman's Tootsie

award must go to the Scottish football squad for its magnificent victory over Estonia. As a brilliant response to the country's perennial goaliseeper (not to mention goal scorer) problems, the Scots man aged to blag an early start, blaming the poor quality of the Estonian stadium's

floodlighting. This ensured that the Estonian part-firmers were either still at work or enjoy ing limch 100 kilometre away when Billy Dodds, the Aberdeen striker, kicked off a game that was declared a win for Scotland after three

dirty trick, it is the Estonians who may be

Now, adding insult to

canned from the World Cup for failing to turn up to the



Do we need tighter rules on press intrusion?

"Privacy legislation would be legally incredibly cumbersome and difficult to operate. The voluntary code could be enforced more effectively, but it does work. It could work better if changes were made in the way the Press Complaints Commission (PCC) operates. The Commiss should not have to wait for a member of the public to comolain. It should be able to initiate its own complaints. Richard Addis, editor, the

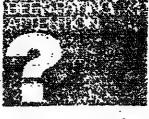
Dally Express rights to personal privacy and freedom of expression. The best way would be to incorporate the European into British law. Press freedom is a responsibility exer-

Every citizen
Should have equal convention on human rights

cised by lournalists on behalf of the public, not a Licence to make money out of misfortune. MikeJempson, of Press wise, a group for people whose lives have been disrupted by the press

No privacy law would work because there will always be a loophole and some areas that will be abused by the people we are trying to approach or want to be near. I invade someone's privacy each day, but with the greatest respect and always with their consent. But I know in the back of their minds they would rather I were not there. People have a love-hate relationship with the press. Richard Young. society photographer

Y S"Journalists have the right to something, even if it does impinge on someone's privacy, if there is a public interest angle. But at the same time, papers should not be able to get away with libellous comments. The PCC needs to be able to enforce a correction and stop things being published if they are known to be inaccurate. All papers should have a section telling people how to get redress if they are wronged." Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom



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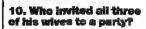
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(a) Stuart Higgins (b) James Hewitt (c) Sarah Ferguson (d) Princess Dians

7. Who grashed their brand new BMW within hours of taking delivery? (a) James Hewitt (b) Patsy Kensit

8. Which of thuse Bournemouth? (b) Sarah Keays (c) John Redwood

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(a) Sharon Stone (b) Eric Camona (c) Samuel Beckett (d) John Fuller

14. Who asked the world to pray for him? (a) The Pope (b) Former bishop derick Wright

15. Which national news paper editor was sacked?

Answers are on the back page

# **Prophet of** Armageddon

**(page 13** bling a political organisation will be the question on view at their conference, aping the big boys, at Brighton next Saturday. Never, for sure, has so much money been put behind the reduction of politics to a single, simple But Sir James himself is by no

means simple. On the face of it, he's the British model of the power-hungry magnate who is cer-tain he can run the world better than the politicians. Berlusconi and Ross Perot are of the company It is their common ground to despise what Goldsmith calls the "political caste" who have never done" anything. This feeling, visceral in its intensity, figures large in what Goldsmith is doing now But it's far from the whole story. The whole story, in a curious way, is as distant from cold, hardheaded calculation as it could pos

sibly be.
For him, the RP is the climax of a dual obsession, in which the corruption of politicians features strongly. It takes him back to his father, who fought George Bernard Shaw for an LCC seat and was an MP whose dates, startlingly, were 1910-1918. Frank Goldsmith, a "civilised Conservative" fathered Jimmy at the age of 55, believed MPs should not be paid. Otherwise they became servile officers of the business of govern-

As a boy, Jimmy was shocked by this, but now he believes it. He regards France, from the media to the judiciary, and including the entire politico-industrial complex, as diseased beyond recovery which partly explains why half-French himself, with a granny who came from the Burgundian soil, he ran against the system to get into the European Parliament as a French MEP in 1994.

But this was the misbehaviour of a nation-state, I said. It didn't have much to do with Europe. "It's the misbehaviour of an elite which has started to believe it owns a country," he replied. "This can be in a nation-state, or a local community; it can be the Mafia, it | be found. Living abroad, after a



Sir James ... an incorrigible

siveness is now directed, where

the caste disease is everywhere to

can be Europe." The Goldsmith universe offers plentiful scope for vomiting.
The European Union, however, is his target. This is where obsesspectacularly successful business career, Goldsmith had the sense of Armageddon approaching, "I had to decide whether it was more uncomfortable to oppose what I thought was a disastrous train crash, in which my family, my culture and everything else are involved, or to close my eyes and enjoy the benefits of what I'd been able to create for myself. Finally I was less uncomfortable getting

into the fray than doing nothing."

He set about his project with a fury. The Treaty of Maastricht (which, as a matter of phobic honour, many Euro-sceptics seem to insist on calling "Myystrict") is the fount of all poison, Goldsmith must be the world's greatest living expert outside Brussels, "I've spent three years studying the treaty and the protocols, the way it works, how the institutions work. I've done practically nothing else. Twelve hours a day.

"I'm used to complicated con-tracts, right."", he said, in a grinning moment of self-awareness 'All I can tell you is that I still have to go to counsel twice a month to

get something interpreted."
The RP conference, he says, will show the effects of this. It will not be a ra-ra affair, but studiously devoted to the protocols of Myys trict. In a move from which other parties may yet have to learn, speakers at Brighton are being required to submit every speech not to a spin-doctor but a qualified parrister before delivery. Not for the RP the pitiful ignorance of most MPs, who haven't read the treaty. And not for its leader any doubt that it must at all costs be

stopped.
Allied to Sir James's helief in the manifest necessity of what he's doing, is his reading of the runes. Here he does begin to sound more like a politician. For a start, he has seldom been wrong about anything. He says he got the French unemployment figure right before anyone else did. He can show you the lecture where he predicted the BSE calamity years ago. He told Giscard d'Estaing in 1992 exactly how many devalua-tions there would be in the fated ERM, and got Balladur and Chirac to back his views on a European reserve currency. He goes round the world impressing the men of wisdom, like Solzhenitsyn, whom he saw recently and besting the pathetic men of straw, the politi-

He's also sure things are moving | federal

his way now. "When the elite | imposes its will on the people, that leads either to a revolutionary situation or a suspension of democ

racy and we're seeing both."
The whiff of 1848 is, he thinks, beginning to vindicate him. There's a certain rubbing of hands. In this great sweep, the fate of the British Tory Party is of small significance. In Beigium the prime minister has been appointed dictator, to get EMU through. In France, despite Chirac's massive parliamentary majority, the "pre-revolutionary feel" can be expected to see off the parties of centre-left and centreright, in favour of the Communists and Le Pen. Sweden Portugal, Finland: there's no limit to the places where pro-EU feeling is on the wane.

Of this process, his RP has become, he is sure, the epicentre "Our arguments are being dissem-inated everywhers. We have the best research and the best legal advice. We irrigate the other par ties throughout Europe." The conquest of Britain now awaits. And this is not far off. The RP, he claims, has got the referen-

dum debate going. Didn't the Tories help, I asked. "Well, the divisions in the Tory Party have been substantially inflamed by us," he gleamed.

UT debate is not enough. The leader is now in full torrent. Even if 600 candidates garnering only one vote garnering only one vote between them wouldn't for a moment discourage his sense of destiny he thinks they can do bet-ter. He dreams of winning a seat or two — "no guarantees, but it's pos

He then talks about the result ing alliances inside what, as he hints, has by now been suborned largely by his pressures, into becoming a pro-referendum House of Commons. The optimistic mad-ness of the crusading neophyte

seems to be complete.

I tell him quite openly that I think this is a fantasy. He will win no seats. If there is a full-scale referendum, which is possible, Labour politics rather than the mighty RP would have produced

But disconnection is pervasive beginning with what actually happens even if his kind of referendum - a Yes/No question on a Europe, preferably appended to the ballot paper at the 1997 General Election - produced answer he wanted. Would

Britain then leave the EU? Ah, no. Goldsmith insists, "That can't be done," he says rather primly. "That's a putsch . There's no provision for leaving, as Chan-cellor Kohl has made clear." So what can and should Britain be doing, at any stage in this endless saga? The answer perhaps predictably, refers with longing to General de Gaulle.

The General, father of a Europe of Nations, should be our model. "I think it will take leadership and guts," says Sir James, with a sudden lack of originality. "And the backing of the people." He went on: "If you're willing to use your power, you can block progress of Myystrict Two [the Inter-Governmental Conference]. If Britain gave a lead, and showed a clear referendum result, it would change the political scene throughout Europe. There would be contagion, spreading from here."

At this point, I think, we are moving away from optimism into serious disregard for practical probabilities. But then, only now am I beginning to get the full mea-sure of Sir James Goldsmith. If you read his tracts, one called The Trap, the other The Response, you are partly prepared. In the flesh it is more apparent how modest a part all this stuff about Europe plays in a philosophy whose total preoccupation is with the iniqui-ties of the world trading system. immerse yourself for long enough in Goldsmith's mind, and you discover someone as different as could be from the typical board-room calculator, the legendary cross between Augustus Melmotte and Henry Bord and Henry Ford

The disabling political truth about Goldsmith is not that he's power bungry, but that he's an incorrigible romantic. The auraalmost, of anarchy surrounds his view of the world. What turns him on is the vision of changing the entire global economic rule-book. Goldsmith is a trade protection-

ist, who believes the ruin of the western world will come from exporting capital and importing the products of cheap labour. He has a well-worked thesis linking the ruination of the First World with the despoliation of the Third World, all at the behest of transnational capitalism, upon whose evils his philippic was so long that I can give only a taste.

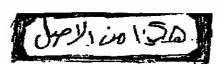
multi-nationals. mong whom he once counted the vast business he gave up in 1987, belonged to the corporate culture of the countries where they invested". trans-nationals are voracious beasts without loyalties. They farm out manufacturing wherever labour is cheapest. They divorce the interests of the com-

pany from those of the nation. They also betray the roal purpose of economics. "Economics are there to serve," says this born-again tycoon. "They can't be judged by the profit level or the stock price. What matters is whether they contribute to the prosperity, stability, well-being and contentment of the nation."

HAT moves Gold-smith, so he says, is the global plague of McDonalds, and the gallantre of 10 milgallantry of 10 million heroic Indians who would not let American hamburgers destroy their road-side food stalls. He thinks a 100 companies have the power to destroy the world, and are rapidly doing so. He has taken his message to the Great Hall of the People, where he told the Chinese nomenklatura a few years ago to look for salvation not in western materialism but in their own natural philosophies, Taoism and Confucianism. What really disturbs him is the contest between Islamic spiritualism and American rationalism, a matter about which, alone in this talk, he expressed something less than adamant certainty as to the prefer able outcome.

Brighton, in such a context, is small beer. I think the RP is a richman's folly, on an unusually massive scale. A distraction from boredom. with righteous passion-added, for a man of some charm, who takes limitless pleasure in the air of menace with which the pathetic Tories have endowed him: Goldsmith has made himself into a kind of intellectual rate will a kind of intellectual, who will explain in probably wearisome detail the wickedness of Myystrict as well as the case for the 'mixture of representative and participa-

tory democracy I happen to believe in profoundly". But really he's something else. He's a man who has acquired more of the world's riches than almost anyone alive or dead, and is now using them to tell the world it has got everything that matters





Most of his television rivals burned out years ago, so how does Clive James's star keep shining?

# Regrets? I've had a few



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Carriery . . .

LIVE JAMES stares at me fishily as I arrive at his ware house style produc-tion office in West London, where the receptionist momentarily unable to speak due to an over-ambitious bite of bacon

"I don't usually do interviews." he remarks darkly, hurrying into his office and steering me away from the unmade camp-bed which lines one wall. "Lunchtime naps, not a casting couch," he says, nod-ding at the bed. "Look, I've been stitched up so often in profiles that it's more than my life's worth but, well... let's say I'm prepared to take a risk." And he says into his own chair whose it was into his own chair, wheels it up to his desk and smiles bleakly.

This appeal-cum-coded-warning is standard procedure from televi-sion celebrities and I have been warned by his publicist that James has only agreed to this in-terview on the condition that we speak solely about his new novel, The Silver Castle. Which is a bit rich from a man who's made a living from making fun out of interviewing others, but we're in TV-land now, so there we go. And for the record, I am also "taking a risk", hoping that I will

be able to prise James away from the book to talk more roundly about himself.

The Silver Castle, in fact, h had surprisingly good reviews for a Clive James novel, which I say not to be snide but because his previous three novels have been generally pooh-poohed by the sniffy and ostensibly more serious

A relief than, to discover it is a good novel. Compelling and movbetween the slums of Bombay and the Indian film industry, following the life of a street child called Sanjay. Again, a surprise, it is free from the familiar ironic tones which lace James's copious memoirs and dominate his various television programmes.

So let's kick off, at least, with a question about the book; what made him decide to write about an Indian dum child?

"One face inspired the book, one little kid I saw in Bombay." he says quietly, "and I thought: what's going to happen to him? Then I thought: what would have

happened to me in that situation?"
Uh ho, the bullshit detector begins to flash; he's sounding like Miss World. But then again ...
James says it in such a dry, flat way that he seems genuinaly con-cerned about the ghetto kids he whizzes past on location. And he has just written an entire book about it. So we chat a bit about the Third World and how be fears that Marriat regimes starve people and that food aid may weaken a country's capacity to feed itself, which is all very inter-esting, but not quite what either of us had planned.

of us had planned. Perhaps a small wave of panic streaks across my face because he suddenly laughs and declares that he is "boring you, because I am boring me!" So I lob in a question which is raised throughout The Silver Castle: does he believe in

He looks aghast. "Of course there isn't an intervening supernatural force, otherwise he would have intervened, wouldn't he? The only excuse for God is that he doesn't exist." Where does he draw his own moral guidelines

'From life and experience, I think I'm reasonably honest." But what are the specific experiences which have shaped him? "My life was shaped very early by a graphic demonstration that chance plays a great part in huchance plays a great part in hu-mans capricious fate."

He is, I assume, talking about

his father, an Australian service-man, taken prisoner during the fall of Singapore in 1942 and freed three years later, only to die in an air crash on the way home. James



Man of many faces  $\dots$  These questions, um, I haven't got my usual array of protective metaphors and glib epigrams ready to meet them'

nods. What did that leave you with, I ask bluntly?
"By God," he mumbles, pausing before assembling an answer.

"These questions, um, I haven't got my usual array of protective metaphors and glib epigrams ready to meet them. You're asking questions I'm writing whole books to answer and sometimes I naven't written the book yet."

I plough on regardless, con-scious that we may have to return to publicising the book. Can he remember the impact of his father's death on him? "I can remember the effect on my mother, um... to me, um, normal-ity in the 20th century is destruction, wanton destruction. Whole families blown away, and that is the background against which I see everything. I don't see normal life as normal. I see it as some-thing which has been snatched back at the brink from universal destruction, I have a very very dark view of the world."

Is this why he's so prolific, I ask, sweating mentally at the nine volumes of journalism, six books of poetry, countless song lyrics, the state of poetry countless song lyrics, the state of the outrage only in the contrage of th

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stop thinking, to stop facing my own fears."

What happens when he does stop? "I never do. I rest by doing something else..."
In television terms, at least, James is a phenomenon envied wildly by other presenters for his ability to reinvent himself. During the last 20 years critics have grumbled he was doing too much, dilutting his talent, but still the work came. From Late Night work came. From Late Night Clive to Saturday Night Clive to Postcards From ... across the globe, he is one of a tiny minority who have sustained a lengthy career when the car park of television history is littered with burni-

Friends and colleagues put it down to a voracious intelligence down to a voracious intelligence which takes in several languages and roams across many disciplines. This is undoubtedly true. You can sniff his intelligence, it comes off him in waves like coffee from a burning bean on Sambucca. But how does he think he has kept on swapping channels for lots more money and new shows which continue to null in shows which continue to pull in want audiences?

"Tve seen other people get it wrong," he grins. "The key lies in what you say 'No' to. I've turned darkly? "Probably, if you lead an

have no star behaviour, no star houses, no star existence."

Mmmn, but I'm sure I remember a photo of him in the summer at Jeffrey Archer's party cradling a glass of champagne as if it were a holy candle. "You go to one and it's reported for years," he shrugs. "It's one of the reasons I keep my formily and my received. family and my social life private, l don't want to present that many hostages to fortune, because for-tune can be capricious. As a prom-inent face and name, I'm just

rient face and name, I'm just visiting."

Yes, yes, but fame and recognition are powerfully seductive, you have to be strong to resist. "But one of the reasons I'm still here is that I did resist it. I set my own pace, I didn't have it set for me."

So what then are these other.

active and productive life, you're always scared that you're not really living at all. That you haven't really faced yourself." Meaning what exactly? Brief pause. "That you haven't loved

I give him a blank look and he sighs. "The love tends to go into the work." He laughs, briefly embarrassed, and there is another

"Beethoven wrote the Appas-sionata because he had no one to be passionate with ... as any kind of artist that's your consolation. or artist that's your consolation. But there are things I might have missed out on [pause] but I've put that kind of feeling into my work."

This seems such an odd thing to say that I find myself wondering — though I don't voice it — if this is the real reason why he doesn't talk about his family, especially his wife, a lecturer in Italian literature at University College, London. (During the week James lives in London, and goes back to the family home in Cambridge for the

weekends.)
"If I could go back and start again, I'd be more scrupulous in every area of my life," he continues unprompted. "I'd try and be every area of my life," he continues unprompted. "I'd try and be more gracious, not use my busy- I get that all the time."

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ness to duck my everyday obliga-tions. It would be a different life, actually."

What would be the main differ-

ence? "There would be less time in the day to do what / think is important, but maybe that would

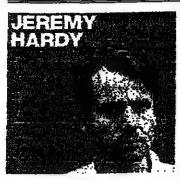
be good for me."

I wonder suddenly how his relationship is with his mother?

"Very close, it has been and still is." he says firmly. So how does she cope with his decision to live on the other side of the world? Pause, Rueful grin. "She's a brave woman, they're a brave genera-tion, that's all I can say on that one. It would be intruding on her to say." Pause. "As well as can be imagined I think." Pause. "Maybe we should get the photograph done now?"

I have two more questions. One, did he advise Diana on her Panorama interview? "No," he replies quickly. "Great story, but no." (Friends say he actually counselled her against it.) And finally, does his work actually repay his devotion? devotion?

"Oh yes," he says with no hesi-tation. "One great character weakness of mine is that I do like



No patriots for me, thank you very much

PATRIOTISM is not necessar-ily the last refuge of a scoun-drel. For Margaret Thatcher, it was a protected tenancy. Generally, the worse the scoundrel, the more patriotic they are. Never let it be said that Hitler or Stalin did not love their countries. And yet every major political party wishes to present itself as the real

trayel books and the outrageously large body of TV work he has now accumulated? "Probably, and it may be neurotic; I do all that to

patriotic party.
You expect it from the Tories.
They love Britain — although they don't give a toss about any of the people who live in it. At this conference, Michael Portillo was kept at bay. Last year, his threat to set the SAS on everybody else in the world became a hostage to fortune. and the SAS has made no move to abseil down fortune throwing stun grenades through the windows in

an effort to rescue it. This year, he confined his xenophobia to a fringe meeting, and even then couched it in terms of "globalism," meaning that Britain is best because we're more internationalist than those foreign bastards in Europe.

Michael Howard and Peter Lilley also played down their nationalism, not having made a great success of it. They have been try-ing to make asylum-seekers feel at home by making them as miserable as they were in the places they fied. But the courts, now the only effective opposition.

intervened.

The image of starving homeless refugees wandering the streets does not make many people feel good about being British. In fact, Howard has completely failed to whip up the hostility towards asylum seekers he was hoping for. Most people feel sympathy for refugees, especially when their children embarrass them by grow-

ing up to be Home Secretary.
The main flag-waving was left to Dr Mawhinney. My reaction was the same as when Terry Wogan speaks glowingly of "us" while presenting the Eurovision Song Contest. "But you're Irlsh," I com-plain to the telly. This is perhaps unfair as Wogan has made his home in our country, and Ma-

whinney is an Ulsterman. That expression tends to be used as a euphemism for Northern-Irish men pnemism for Northern-Irish men
of the unionist persuasion, partly
because they get funny if you call
them "Irish" and partly because
"Unionist" frequently denotes an
intransigent bigot. Anyhow, such
people insist that Northern Ireland is not part of Ireland but part of Britain, even though aerial photography tells us something different.

Major briefly made the obliga-tory declaration of love for Britain, but it was no more credible than Labour singing the Red Flag or the Liberals talking about power. All in all, the conference was less jingoistic than usual, and one has to allow the Tory faithful their patri-otism because it is the only thing most of them can articulate.

But it is a dismal spectacle when people who should know better wrap themselves in the flag in an effort to woo the Last-Night of the Proms vote. I assume that Paddy Ashdown knows better because, in his speech to the Liberal confer-

distinction is never very convincing. It puts me in mind of the pro-testations of racists that they are Tony Blair invoked

ence, he distinguished between patriotism and xenophobia. Such a

the spirit of Euro '96. Like all public schoolboys, he wants to seem passionate about football

not anti-black, simply pro-white. But let us assume that Mr Ash-down has no dislike of other countries, and ask why he felt it necessary to appeal to Nation rather than Liberalism. Should we save the health service because it Is British, or because it is a good thing? Should we have well-funded schools to turn out the Winston

cause our children need them? Should we have progressive taxation because it sums up all that is great about this great country of ours, or because it is fair? Should we have decent pensions because the elderly fought for this country or because they are human

Churchills of tomorrow, or be-

beings?
Tony Blair invoked the spirit of Buro '96. Like all public schoolooys today, he desperately wants to seem passionate about football. But he has forgotten that England ultimately failed, leaving many people distraught. It is perilous to invest one's whole sense of cultural identity in a kickabout.

The competition also drew attention to the way the terms English and British are used inter changeably, causing resentment in the other two countries that make up Britain. In any event, Tony Blair does not have a very convincing British identity be-cause he has no identity at all.

The last great bid to present Labour as the British party was

made by Neil Kinnock at his last conference. To be fair, he expressed quite well the sentiment that Ashdown tried to tap into. namely that the Tories have de stroyed most of what was good about Britain.

For most of us, Britain is a place where we live: for Conservatives it is an idea. But even though Liberal and Labour politicians emphasise community and society, they can't help but wallow in Britain — the

No politician wants to be thought unpatriotic, and if your voice doesn't tremble when you say the words "this country", your allegiance might be questioned.

Not being a patriot is like not being a monarchist or not believing in immigration controls; no respectable politician will risk it. No one with ministerial ambition would ever go on a public platform and say: "All right, Britain's a clapped-out old dump, but Oasis are good and I like a pork pie." But I bet people would vote for them if

SMALLWEED

N HIS Spectator diary, the Prime Minister recalls the

reception he recently held for

leading sportsmen in Downing Street, and particularly the arrival

of Gazza — wearing, he says, a suit you could have played draughts on Mr Major does not reveal his own

chat with the footballer, though reports elsewhere suggest that it went as follows: J.Major (Prime Minister): Nice

P. Gascoigne (Glasgow Rangers and England): Cheersi

Since when I have ordered some

every lunchtime, on principle, while wearing a brown suit in town, and black shoes to match.

UT WHY do we say that Major was "wearing shirt sleeves", rather than "wear

ing a shirt"? It could perhaps de-rive from some form of nostalgle de

la boue, that invocation of humble

origins once mandatory for aspir-ing Labour politicians, as in: "Where we grew up, we wus too-poor for shirts, we just 'ed sleeves and collars, held together by card-board. Sithee." The first reference I

can find to shortsleevedness is from Merrie Tales of Skelton (1566)

which records that "the hostler

was in hys ierkyn, and hys shirt

aleves were aboue his elbowes".
One might have supposed that this practice would rapidly spread, and yet as late as 1832 in a study of

called Trollope recorded with ap-

the refreshing coolness of shirt

parent surprise: "I saw a man . . . take off his coat that he might enjoy

sleeves." I bet he was running for

days to suspect one is being manipulated. If it isn't shirt

aleeves, it is fruit. This has been a

after last year's excesses. Even his

quiff looked contrite. But that didn't prevent a picture appearing

this week in the Times, showing him relaxing in his Bournemouth hotel with a bowl of fruit by his

side. You might have thought it was

there just in case he fancied the odd

tangerine, but in fact the bowl was

vast, with more than enough replenishment for Portillo, his

charming wife, and whole sweat-

Speechwriters. And even that, in

been the full story. I suspect the return of the kind of iconography

once familiar in portraiture, where

heroes appear with symbols - an

eagle, a hound, the works of St

Thomas Aquinas — designed to convey some allegedly salient

truth about them. We are being

Portillo as a bringer of fruit fe-

cund, fructiferous, a supplier of

asked, subliminally, to see Michael

feasts to come. Or perhaps of apples

LOT of people in London

SW11 have no idea where they live. According to a sur-

vey by the Guardian's Martin Lin-

ton, who will be fighting Battersea for Labour at the election, and Jane

Mullholland, there's an enclave

around the junction where some

say they live in Battersea, some say Wandsworth (the old borough of

Battersea has been part of Wands-

worth since 1965), still others say Clapham, and still others simply don't know. People in the same

house, even the same family, gave contrary answers. The problem is the Junction. Known earlier as Fal-

Junction on grounds which mixed commerce with snobbery. Batter-

sea, the more accurate name, was

thought to convey an image of pov-

erty, whereas Clapham, "most fam

ous of all Georgian suburbs", was the kind of place which even Lord

Curzon might have considered vis-iting. So they settled on Clapham even though it wasn't in Clapham. Similar calculations no doubt ex-

plain why Willesden junction isn't in Willesden and Norwood Junc-

con Junction or Batters tion, it was renamed Clapham

this plot-ridden age, may not have

ing galley-loads of shirtsleeved.

muted party conference for Michael Portillo — just as well

OO cynical? Yet one has only

to look at a politicians nowa

Later, I'm told, Gazza was less



Who can you trust if you can't trust the Sun?

Pets

bars

Dear Vivienne,

DO NOT LIKE the quarantine system. One day healthy pets are romping happly with their families, the next

they are locked alone in cages with tiny runs on ce-

ment floors. They stay there for six months with no exercise and no

family companionship. Three of

mine have gone through this tor-ment over the past 25 years. Other civilised countries have reformed or abandoned the system. In Britain it is for most people a

dark secret, like a Victorian mental

asylum — you pass quietly by on the other side of the road. Not even

the RSPCA is admitted. Normal

civil rights stop at the barred gates;

you sign away your rights to get

Even the death-rate in any one

kennel is treated as a State secret.

For the vast majority of imprisoned

animals the system is unnecessary. They have had a vaccine six

months before arriving and cannot

be carrying rables. Even without that precaution, 185,000 cats and

dogs have come in over the last 25

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MAY be the only non-Sun journalist in the country who rather regrets that the paper was duped into paying a six-figure sum for the fake Di and Major Hewitt tape. Of course I relished their embarrassment (though some of the papers who were crowing most loudly had also been taken in on the Tuesday

And, like some of our readers, I was bewildered by the bizarre ex-pression of regret on Wednesday. "The Sun apologises profusely to both of them for any hurt or offence caused," it said, as if buying a video of a couple making love, filmed secretly through a window, would be perfectly acceptable behaviour provided you got their names right.

It would be like those parties where photographers ask you to pose, and just when you're feeling slightly flattered, ask who you are. ("That's two "t's in Hewitt, is it sir? And was it a horsie you were pretending to be, or more a

I was sorry because in the past few years the Sun has become our paper of record, reporting with unparalleled authority about the break-up of the various royal marriages, leaked mobile phone

Lady Fretwell is sick of putting

her dogs in quarantine and wants

BMA warns without it we are at

risk from rabies. Here we publish

years without one case in which the rabies virus could be found.

Quarantine must, of course, continue for animals from countries like India, where dog rables is endemic, and for those which fail

the stringent tests necessary under

a passport system. But it should stop for safely vaccinated and iden-

tified pets from all the rables-free

countries, from western Europe and other approved countries and for those (including guide dogs) which are vaccinated here before

Two years ago the House of Com-

mons agriculture committee unani-

mously recommended this. The Government accepted the scientific

evidence but thought a new system

would be "difficult and complex" to implement. Two years later it still

finds it so. When will the Ministry

of Agriculture stop proclaiming its own incompetence? And when will

medical and other organisations

which back quarantine stop shel-tering behind the ministry's shop-

soiled excuses for delay?

Yours sincerely.

Passports for pets

Mary Fretwell

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to see the system scrapped. Dr Vivienne Nathanson of the

their exchange of letters

going abroad.

calls, and all that really interesting stuff. The Times still prints the Court Circular, which describes what the royals want you to think they're doing, while the Sun tells you what they're really

For the Sun to be so wrong i disorlenting and disturbing, like the time Michael Fish failed to spot the hurricane. You fear that yet another of our most honoured institutions is in peril.

IF the shy and retiring Ker Clarke can get an apology for being mauled by Anna "Slugger" Ford on the Today programme, I would have thought the nation's gays could hope for one too. The Church of England has protested about remarks made by Anne Atkins, an evangelical vicar's wife. She had complained on Thought For Today about a recent church service for homosexuals held in Southwark Cathedral.

"Soon we will have an adulterers' Christian fellowship, and a sex before marriage Christian fel-lowship — I see no reason why the list should ever end," she said.
It's a mark of the true bigot that

he or she cannot distinguish between moral choice and accident of birth. People decide to commit

adultery, in the same way that they decide to steal car radios or pull their sister's hair. By contrast, people are born gay, just as they are born black, Jewish or, come to that, English.

It makes you understand why these evangelicals spend so much

Evangelicals spend time shaking tambourines because it masks

time shaking tambourines. It masks the noise of their brains rattling round in their skulls.

the noise of their

brains rattling

MICHAEL Heseltine made a joke about his mother at the Tory con-ference. Earlier in the week, she said that hooligans needed a sound thrashing. This was generally thought an excusably dotty remark from a widow of 85. Yet Mrs Heseltine has suffered immense distress from yobs, some

of them so young they were not born when John Major became prime minister. Even in Henley, where she lives, they throw con-crete and debris into her garden. Some break through the hedge and abuse her. One hit her on the head with a stone. She is now afraid to leave her house.

No old lady should suffer such treatment. Yet her son smoothly passed straight from his jocular remark to saying that Tories were "building the great society. Our cities are vibrant as they have not been for 100 years! New buildings – new communities

But dotted around these vibrant new cities and prosperous commu-nities are the dispossessed under-class, the uneducated, the unemployable, the detritus of our society. I don't entirely blame the Tories. The process was acceler-ated rather than started on their watch, and as manufacturing jobs continue to go abroad, will get worse whoever wins the next elec-tion. But surely, after 17 years, Mr Heseltine can see how much his mother's awful experience contra-

THERE's a ritual at Tory conferences. Every cabinet member must begin his speech by reciting

the names of his ministerial team, each introduced with a laudatory tagline. I spent a few idle moments wondering how it would be ments wondering how it would be if a minister, overcome by honesty or perhaps Tourette's Syndrome, said what he really thought. "My Minister of State, Charles Figgis, a wild-eyed fanatic put in to keep the Euro-loonies happy. Angela Friibhie, my token woman. Lord Lymeswold, an evolutionary throwback who is almost certainly the heatard son of a poacher. And Reg hastard son of a poacher. And Reg Pargiter, the whips nark in the department. What a pitiful team they make, ladies and gentlemen! They would appland him anyway.

MUCH has been made of the boos MUCH has been made of the boost the conference gave to grass-roots troy morale. No doubt it did. Yet one harometer of how the party really feels is the annual list of how much money each constituency raised compared to the target set for it by Central Office.

This year they were asked to find £2,748,000. They actually coughed up £1,147,000, less than 42 per cent of the amount requested. I

per cent of the amount requested. I don't know if this is the worst performance ever, but the party must be thanking its stars for all those crooks and foreign businessmen who've filled the gap.

ria demonstrated, every animal bite would need to be regarded as suspect. All pets would require vac-cination, everyone involved in work with animals would need to be vaccinated, anyone bitten or

vaccinated. The economic implica-tions would also be far-reaching including the cost of supplying vacrine across the country.

Yours sincerely, Vivienne Nathauson

## Dear Vivienne,

YOUR ARGUMENTS about the horrors and dangers of rabies are fam-liar but irrelevant. Quarantine is a less sure method of keeping it out

would inevitably die of it anyway In 26 years none bas, proving that not a single rabid animal reached

mal) could start an epidemic of fox rabies. A correctly vaccinated cat or dog could not. The death of the

handle the question in other advanced countries, including those that are rables-free. You do not need some vast international database. For what other diseases equally deadly, do you pose such

A simple microchip and a handhald reader will confirm the animal's identity. The terrors of rables should not serve as an excuse for abandoning reason and balanced

# Dear Mary,

WITH PET passports, we would have to rely entirely upon standards of vaccination, certification and identification of cats and dogs being equally rigorous in all the exporting countries of the EU. However, the system is faulty: in 1993 the UK removed quarantine for stock entering Britain from the EU and now responsibility for health certification lies with the exporting country. That's why war-ble fly found its way back to Britain - imported along with cattle from France. With quarantine, by con-trast, we can regulate all controls

on animals within Britain. place. These are not "unrealistic preconditions" — indeed our recommendations relating to testing facilities have already been

The new system of control recom mended by the Commons agriculture committee, and rejected by the Government, is not yet secure enough to protect Britain from rables. But if the extra safeguards recommended by the BMA are real-ised, then the need for compulsory quarantine for animals from some countries may no longer be needed.



young recruit if he might remove his jacket, replied: "Potatoes wear jackets: Gentlemen wear coats." Why assume this tale is apocry-phal? The high institutions of England were riddled with this kind of snobbery. Ludicrous rules : were established for no other purpose than to help snobs detect that people whom they encountered were not as they were. I have read of Lord Curzon rebuking some paraenu with the words: "A gentleman does not take som at luacheon."

than modern vaccination.

Quarantine has not in fact been reinforced by the vaccination given:

after an animal arrives, because any animal incubating rabies our shores, apart from the bat.
Only a fox (or similar wild ani-

Nigerian student is tragic and shows that precautions are needed related to the actual risks in a particular country. Quarantining healthy cats and dogs makes no contribution to maintaining our rables-free status. You are aimply shooting at the wrong target. By all means veccinate travellers going to Nigeria, but don't pretend you are achieving anything by mechani-cally locking up vaccinated peta. And please do not try to lay down unrealistic preconditions for a new system. Look at how leading vets

requirements?

judgement. Yours sincerely,

Mary Fretwell

The BMA expert working party on rabies did not oppose a system of pet passports outright, but believed that additional safeguards to those proposed should first be put in

Yours sincerely, Vivienne Nathanson

Farewell to a four-legged friend . . . but are pets, and owners, being let down by the quarantine system?

# Dear Mary,

RABIES in humans is an appalling disease. Rabies in animals is equally horrific. We must celebrate our rables-free status and do everything we can to protect it. If even a single animal with rables gats through to the UK unchecked it could threaten all of us, particu-

larly through our dog and cats. Britain has one of the highest densities of urban foxes and padgers in the world. The European fox-adapted strain of rabies could be very easily and rapidly transmit ted into the UK pet population with

disastrous consecu Between 1977 and 1992, western Europe suffered seven recorded deaths from indigenous rabies and there were 115 recorded deaths from the same cause in eastern Europe. In the US, where rabies is endemic among wild life and medicine is highly advanced, human rabies is often unsuspected in its victims. Of all US patients who have contracted rabies in the past 40 years, more than a fifth failed to seek vaccination. Once symptoms appear in humans, little can be done to prevent death and the dis-

ease process is agonising. Various schemes have been proposed to scrap quarantine here in favour of cheaper systems that avoid pet-owners being separated from their animals. But the BMA remains convinced that there are currently insufficient safeguards to risk a step that may introduce rables to this country, where it could prove impossible ever to eradicate it again.

Vaccines currently available have been known to fail, and their success can only be confirmed by blood testing at intervals, which means retaining holding facilities

for animals arriving at ports. Evidence of weak links in the proce-dures necessary to prevent the spread of animal disease across the borders of EU countries have already come to light with the reinroduction to Britain of the warble fly, an infestation of cattle which had been eradicated in the UK, following our loss of health inspec-

tion powers before entry.

Although quarantine is expensive for those who use it, at present the costs to the UK -- beyond simple financial ones — were we to end it after a 100 per cent success rate would be too high to pay.

Yours sincerely. Vivienne Nathanson Head of Science

British Medical Association

# Dear Vivienne.

QUARANTINE has been completely effective for the past 25 rears because, apart from the New haven bat, not a single animal carrying live rables virus has reached the UK. In the previous 50 years, 29 rabid animals arrived in quarantine and three of them passed through into the country. That is a 10 per cent failure rate, not a 100 per cent proof of success.

Rabies was common in domestic animals in Britain in past centuries but did not start the epidemic in wildlife which you fear. This is because most animals are end-host for other forms of rabies (ie fox, dog and bat rabies are not interchange-able.) There is no known case of a pet starting a wildlife epidemic. The only real danger would be from

someone bringing in a rabid fox. A reliable vaccine-based system would reduce the risk at present created by the hit-and-miss quarantine system. You say there are

# proportion of foxes would need to develop immunity to break the cycle of infection. Changes to the way of life in the UK following the spread of endemic rables would be far-reaching. As this week's tragic case of the stu-dent who contracted rables in Nige-

currently insufficient safeguards to

risk the switch to a new system.

That is because the Government

has failed for two years to put them

in place. The BMA listed most of

the necessary safeguards 18

months ago, but has preferred to

fan rabies hysteria, doing nothing to promote those safeguards.

Leading international experts as-

sess the risk of failure of modern

rables vaccine at 1.7,000,000. Only

one vaccination and one recent

blood-test would be required for an animal to enter the UK in guaran-

teed safety. Your arguments do not

justify keeping even one healthy vaccinated animal in a cage for

even one day. Please look at the real suffering you are prolonging instead of the imaginary nightmare

IT CANNOT be emphasised too

strongly that it would take one

rables case only to be introduced

into the UK and pass on the virus to

start an animal epidemic with po-

tentially devastating consequences

The British animal population today differs significantly from ear-

lier this century, when the number

of foxes was significantly smaller and sparser. Britain's urban foxes

have the highest density of any

European country, which makes a

policy of oral vaccination by bait

ess likely to succeed, as a higher

you conjure up.
Yours sincerely,

Mary Fretwell

Dear Mary,

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



# Doonesbury









tion (originally known as The Jolly Sailor) isn't in Norwood N Panorama on Monday Lord McAlpine said he regretted he might have to break the habits of a lifetime and vote Referendum Party rather than Tory. Isn't it time someone explained to this chap that now he's a peer he's no longer entitled to vote?

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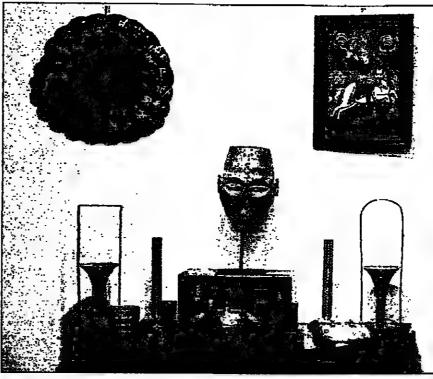
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Leopold's wife, Elisabeth, above right, holds an African mask, one of several in the collection



Behind the shabby-genteel walls of this terrace house on the outskirts of Vienna lie a world-class art collection and the now-wealthy obsessive who has put it together over 50 years. Ian Traynor on the man and his passion

The Getty of suburbia

he sits chatting in the living room of is clearly worried he might be missing something.

The sharks of the fine arts sales rooms, his many enemies, his rivals in the salons of Vienna, London, New York or Zurich might at this very minute be pull-ing a fast one. His is a suspicious

mind, forever scheming.

An obsessive character, Leopoid is Austria's greatest art collector, a He is cantankerous and unerring in his passion for the glorious output of *fin-de-siècie* Vienna, the city of Freud, Mahler, Klimt, Schiele, the birthplace of The Modern.

At the age of 71, Leopold has devoted half a century to the unpaintings and objets d'art. The result is a collection of more than result is a collection of more than 5,000 pictures and pieces that at its core — hundreds of works by the early 20th century Viennese master, Egon Schiele — outstrips anything in the possession of the Austrian state. The collection, he brags, goes further, the world's galleries and museums combined council resteb it.

Leopold is an unlikely connois-seur. Today be is a millionaire, as the most desirable items in his col-lection have rewarded his invest-ment 10,000-fold. But it was not always so. Until recently, he was running up debts of scores of mil-lions of pounds to satisfy his

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craving.
"Of course, I got into a lot of debt," he shrugs with the air of a man who enjoys supreme confi-dence in his own judgment. 'I always got into debt if there was something important to acquire because I couldn't let it go."

To talk of money and personal wealth is to miss the point en-tirely, he makes clear. The driving force is to own great art. And then to own some more.

"It takes what amounts to an insatiable greed to keep adding to an already considerable collection." Leopold's friend and the former written. "But an inveterate collec-tor like Leopold can never assuage his hunger, because a collection can never reach the unattainable state of completeness.

"He's been collecting for 50 years and he's never really had any money," says a prominent Vienna art critic. 'He lived con-stantly with the fear of running out of credit with the banks. He what he wanted. He's a maniac But you need to be like that to do

It is not wealth, nor unbringing nor background, but pure congen ital infatuation that drives Leo pold. By profession he is an opti-cian, as is his wife Elisabeth, originally of modest means from a solid middle-class family.

He has inhabited the same charming little house in the north Viennese suburb of Grinzing for decades. The property is com-pletely inconspicuous, part of a shabby terrace of what were once

vintners' cottages.

But to enter through the front door is to penetrate an extraordinary emporium in which every available inch of floor, wall, and shelf space is occupied by thou-sands of bits and bobs, from the priceless to the curious, hunted and gathered from every corner of

West African tribal masks jostle for space alongside art nouveau vases and figurines. The top of the grand plane, which Leopold plays, is covered by his valuable collec-tion of ancient German beer jugs.

We are sitting under a large Schiele canvas, a sombre double self-portrait from 1915 entitled Levitation. I am sitting on a spare, simple wooden chair. He ventures the throwaway remark: "Oh, that chair you're sitting on, we got that in New York, by Otto Wagner, 320,800 schillings (£20,000)." He points along the wall.

"That's another Wagner, the cup-board is Josef Hoffmann, that one is Kolo Moser, the cabinet is Adolf Loos." All of them, outstanding



The brain of the art history professor and eye of a painter

dated by the priceless domestic clutter. He ushers us into a downstairs room which is his private art warehouse. The walls are lined with Schiele oils. Dozens of other canvases lie carelessly architects and designers of turnof-the-century Vienna.

Leopold shows no trace whatsoever of being oppressed or intimi-

ern classics, hoarded across every available bit of space. Suddenly he has to dash off to another sale in the city while his wife shows us around before serving coffee and apple strudel in the simple un-

modernised kitchen. "We used to go up there for dinner and scratch our heads in be-wilderment," says the art critic. "There was no security, no

tions in foreign capitals with a cheese sandwich in his pocket. He neither smokes nor drinks. He rarely takes a holiday. Apart from his family (two sons, one daughter), the collection occupies every wak-ing moment. And that's a lot, because he's a bit of an insomniac The way Leopold tells it, he in-

stantly developed an obsessive will to appropriate art as a medical student in Vienna in his 20s. For the first time in his life, at the age of 22 in 1947, he entered the city's Art History Museum, was overwhelmed by the Rembrandts, the Velazquezs, and the unparalleled collection of Breughels.
"That was one of the most im-

portant days in my life. What I saw that day had an unbelievable impact on me. It really affected me and I decided to collect pictures. I had never been really in-terested in art because what I'd seen till then I hadn't liked. But looking was the most important thing. On the train or the tram, I'd never read, just look, for hours.

Three years later he acquired a rare, out-of-print catalogue of Schiele's work, the first such catalogue of an artist then barely known and contemptuously dismissed as an obscene pornogra-pher by the Viennese.

se pictures told me there could be modern artists of the same rank as the old masters, both in composition and in technique. But the difference was that they were our thing, current, they spoke to our time. I decided then and there to collect Schiels. That was lucky because he was not well-known enough and was also very cheap.'

E STARTED buying Schiele watercolours for up to £20 a piece, works which now letch more than £300,000 each, Still a medical student, he gave tuition, stood in for doctors at weekends, to earn the extra money to fund

his craving. But he was also neglecting his studies, disappearing for months at a time to give chase to the paintings, to track down desirable pleces scattered across Europe.

His exasperated mother then made him a tempting offer. If he completed his studies that year, 1953, she would buy him a Volks-wagen car. He finished the degree, got the money for the car, disappeared to London (without buying the car), and resurfaced in Vienna with Schiele's masterpiece, The Hermits, bought from an emigrant in England. He had spent a year as a detective finding the painting, the owner, and haggling

over the purchase price.
"When Leopold has set his heart on acquiring something, virtually any legal means justify the end," wrote Breicha. "The kind of strategies he devises would win him chess championships."

It is a notoriously bitchy and backstabbing world he inhabits. His peers and rivals contemptu-

ously dismiss him as a mere optician, he complains. But he stresses he also studied art his-tory and indeed he is now widely regarded as the world's foremost authority on Schiele.

"There is no history of art professor who can touch him," notes the Vienna critic. "He has a fan-tastic eye, absolutely unique. It's not just the famous paintings; his collection of Japanese, or Chinese, or African sculptures is exquisite There's no one else like him.

The critic is not revealing anything the collector does not know already, because lack of self-confidence is not something that Leo-pold suffers.

"The secret of my success," he confides, "is that I have the brain of the art history professor and the eye of a painter."

He is equally forthright in justi-fying the great loves of his life. You know, it is a mistake to say that Picasso is the greatest drawer of the 20th century. I am of the opinion that the two greatest drawers of this century are Gustav Klimt and Egon Schiele. I'm not saying that because I'm Austrian or a chauvinist. If I talk of earlier centuries, I wouldn't include any Austrians. Hands are the hardest thing to draw for an artist. And since Albrecht Dürer, no one has drawn hands so mag-nificantly as Schiele."

After more than 20 years of hagding with the Austrian state over the fate of the unique collection, Leopold and his adversaries have struck a deal.

Leopold drives a hard bargain. "He's a very difficult man," says the art critic. A major exhibition of 20th century Austrian art which opened last month in Germany in-cludes none of Leopold's 52 Schiele oils nor anything else from his col-lection because, the curators said,

he set impossible conditions. The Austrian state also played hard to get, offering nugatory sums for the collection and conditions he deemed unacceptable.
The collection of 5,266 pieces

was valued at 7.8 billion schillings or half a billion pounds. He is to be paid in total 2.2 billion schil-lings, one third of that already paid so he could clear his debts and the remainder paid in annual instalments of 100 million schillings to the year 2007. The result of the deal is that a

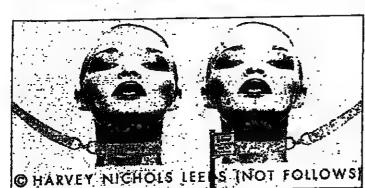
state museum, named after him and of which he will be the director for life, is to be built. The collection to be housed in it will be safeguarded against anyone try-

sateguarden against anyone hying to split it up.
"Twe donated 78 per cent of the
collection, and sold 22 per cent. In
practice it will now belong to the
state and to the public."

But with the proceeds, the art zealot is already greedily scouring the catalogues, rushing off to the sales, wheeling and dealing on the phone, and starting all over again at the age of 71.
"Everything I buy now," he

grins, "everything I've bought since the agreement — and that's a lot — ah well, that belongs to me."

# **Frivolity** unleashed



Leading question . . . Harvey Nichols withdrew this ad

Linda Grant argues, after the Leeds ad controversy, that the allure of the mode will always prevail

N THE new Vanity Fair a 50-year-old photo appears of a mannequin having her Chris-tian Dior New Look dress ripped from her body by an out-raged Parisian matron offended at the abundance of fabric that otherwise could have been used to clothe the shivering population of

cold, post-war, austerity France. Fashion and the general public often talk two different languages. Designers are frivolous, emptyheaded nincompoops with no idea of how real people have to live their lives; the dowdy populace are puritan pragmatists, lacking wit, humour and an imagination large enough to appreciate a creative ar-tiste when they see one.

Exactly half a century after the New Look, the old war was fought

again this week, in Leeds, when Harvey Nichols launched its first provincial store with an ad campaign playing on the city's slogan, Leeds leads. It showed the head of a woman with a dog collar and leash round her neck, the idea, one supposes, being that Leeds women are led by Harvey Nichols when it comes to fashion.

However, to city councillor Do-reen Lewis and Leeds film-maker Jane Bradshaw — among scores who complained to the Advertising Standards Authority - the ad

was degrading, dehumanising and perpetuated "racist and sexist stereotypes by showing a black woman in a powerless and submis-sive position". That the model, Jodie Kydd, is white was an immediate own goal for those in Leeds who saw a woman with big lips and assumed, with a certain racism, that she was black,

Reactions ranged from those who thought the ad told them they needed to be put on a leash by their husbands, to that of the black chair of the council's women's committee: "I never thought for a moment that she was black. But Harvey Nichols is saying, we recognise that you are successful and wealthy women so we are moving up here. Then they patronise us by telling us that we need to be led by them to be fashionable."

Thus what must have been meant as an in-your-face joke full of punning irony back-fired, especially when it was posted on a billboard next to a council ad about sexual abuse. Photographers love to talk about the power of images to shock, but there's nothing quite as shocking as being raped.

To my eye, the ad's reference is to the fashion industry's current preoccupation with sado-masoch to remain frivolous, they wanted ism and bondage, that supposedly their work to take on serious stylish realm which began as a se | meaning by referring to events | changed, comb her hair, apply her

cretive sexual sub-cult, launched its status as fashion through the magazine Skin 2, hit the club scene and, under the patronage of Jean-Paul Gaultier wound up on the catwalks: the reason why your teen-age daughter has had her bellybutton pierced or wears a chrome spiked leather collar and wrist

rity and temperature control sys-tems installed, but Leopold seems

less than concerned. He com-plains he is cold and orders his

wife to turn the heating on. No sooner has she obliged than he

tells her to turn it off since it will

damage the paintings.

Leopold has neither time nor in

clination to enjoy his now formida-ble wealth. Not for him the gour-

met luxury lifestyle of the international art jetsetter. He is in-

famous for showing up at art auc-

Fashion always says it meant to offend nobody, that it has no inten-tion of degrading women. Of course not. Nor did Rei Kawakubo mean to insult victims of the Holocaust when he sent his models out on to the catwalk last year in a collection reminiscent of concen-tration camp uniforms, a kind of Auschwitz chic. One designer confided in a fashion writer this year that he was planning a collection with a "Holocaust theme" and was advised that he should change his mind. Of course offence is given.

ESIGNERS defend themselves by arguing that their work has "social responsibility". This started with fashion's attempt to acknowledge the devastating impact of Aids on the industry. Suddenly designers no longer wanted they thought they should care about. But your average couturier is not an intellectual being and the results are embarrassing. It is difficult to manage a relationship be-tween fashion and content when you spend your life in a world of style — how things look, not what they are for, or what they mean. Seeing this, it's easy for realists

to denounce fashion altogether. A woman in a dog collar isn't going man beats you black and blue. But the old feminist line - that fashion and ads exploit women - does not say enough to most women who love to dress up. Dismissing them as dupes of a malevolent male-dominated scheme to keep women in chains does feminism no service. My own recent novel, The Cast

iron Shore, followed the life from of a department store vendeuse who joins the Communist Party in McCarthyite America but hangs on to her dress-sense. Fashion is caprice, insouciance and surface. The trick is not to imbue it with a content it doesn't have, but to acknowledge the truth that the social worker, the teacher, the policewoman, the lawyer, and everyone else who works at the coalface of human suffering, likes to get make-up and think, "I look good". In 1992, I met a Washington Post correspondent in a grand hotel in Zagreb waiting for press creden-tials to go into Bosnia with a ward-

nais to go into Bosshia with a wardrobe full of boots and parkas. "I
dream of dresses," she told me.
In their book Paris After The
Liberation, Antony Beevor and Artemis Cooper tell the story of a
French comtesse, denounced by her
maid for harbouring Jews and sent to a concentration camp, where a former fitter for Schiaparelli remodelled her uniform so it looked more elegant. This small, apparently empty, defiance symbolised. I suppose, a refusal to accept that she was a slave labourer and that life was nothing but misery. It arose out of suffering. It was not an attempt to ape it or appropriate moral seriousness from it.

The Harvey Nichols ad offends because it fails to understand that, for many women, powerlessness is a real condition of daily life, not an image to play with. Harvey Nichols have withdrawn it. But I doubt if it will stop those citizens of Leeds with enough money from going to the store and at least dreaming of life as it is lived with a Prada handbag

The Cast iron Shore is published by



After every 20th-century trauma a toy bear has come to make it better - Winnie-the-Pooh from the Somme, Paddington from the Holocaust. Even Dunblane, above, was deluged with them after the massacre. **Veronica Horwell** on why we reach for reassurance

# Bear

SHOOTING STARS



Up . . . A pupil of King's College School from the age of nine, Chalk breaks into the biggish-time, in a achool production — and British premiere — of the 1920s American musical Good News, Singing his little heart out in the lead role, he's spotted, which leads to...

Up . . . Never The Sinner, a psychological courtroom drama ba on the Leopold and Loeb homicide case, in which Chalk takes a starring role, and which garners great acclaim and near-capacity crowds in Edinburgh this summer. The play ls spotted again, by producer Paul Spyker, who brings it to ... Away ... The West End. Young Chalk, still a sprightly 18, out of school and planning university, takes to the stage of the Arts Theatre this week. All this, and his eatures adoming the new Twix advertising campaign.



THE FALL'S

Going . . . 'I punish sloppiness,' says Mark E Smith at the peak of The Fall's powers. 'I run a tight ship.' It's true: he's revered as one of the Secret business of the Secret busine of the finest lyricists of his time. But with those brazen words, Smith foreshadows a spectacular decline. **Going** . . . Tuesday of this week: The Fall at Worthing Assembly Hall. Well, sort of Smith spends the day in the town's taverns, arrives an hour late for his gig, there's no lead guitarist, Smith throws the mike into the throng, assaults the roadle with its stand, goes off stage for 15 minutes, comes back shirtless and leering, goes off, comes on, leaves after 40 minutes. **Gone . . .** The Fall-out. The PA

company withdraw from the tour. The band's promoters abandon them too. Worthing Council don't pay for the gig. The Folkestone show is cancelled. Ouch. And yet... "I'm quite pleased," says fan Tim Kaye, 23. He treads a fine line between stupidity and brilliance."

WAS in this boutique where the Tokyo Expressway ends at base of Mount Fujl, and like shops in every Japanese high street it was given over to teddy bears. In fact, to Winnie The Pooh and Paddington. I picked up a Paddington and watched the sun on Fuji's snow and thought why is the most semiotically sophisticated nation on earth besofted with bears? Why is the teddy bear as important to 20thcentury lconography as cherubs were to the Renaissance?
If you seek ursine origins, the

Oxford Dictionary will refer you to US president Theodore Roosevelt, who faced down his physical weaknesses by going west to ranch and hunt big game. Bears were his tar-get of choice. "Cocking my rifle," he wrote of his first kill, "I found would foce he foce with the commyself face to face with the great bear not eight steps off." His nerve held similarly steady through a miners' strike in his first year of office in 1902, when he brokered the men a 10 per cent rise. So he was at peak popularity when he arbitrated a border dispute down in Missis-sippi. His hosts arranged a hunt, but in the empty woods could only locate a bear cub. Teddy disdained to shoot it, and the Washington Star cartoonist drew him turning away

from the pitiful creature.

Legend has it that Morrie and Rose Michtom, Russian immigrants, kept a small New York nov-elty shop, and Rose used a recent textile invention, mohair plush, for a toy to display with the cartoon, labelled "Teddy's Bear". There is a rival Euro-claim, from Margarete teiff, a south German soft toy maker. In the late 19th century, nurseries already had "bruins", stuffed bears on all fours, and posh parlours had delicate clockwork bear automata. When Stieff's nephew joined her workshop, he developed a plush bear based on drawings from Stutigart Zoo; a New York buyer scouting for something new ordered 3,000 on the last day of the 1903 Leipzig Toy Fair. By 1907, the Stieff Bahrenjahre (year of the bear) the orders were a million.

The bear, then, seems to have appeared at the precise moment when a vacancy opened for both a new commodity — and a mythical beast — of childhood. In the industrialised nations, the middle class had expanded: there were more, and more comfortable, family homes with mass-produced goods for children replacing home-made folk toys or expensive crafted miniatures. It is to this period we owe much of our sense of what the life of an under-seven child should be like: stable, separate from the adult household, with blander food and lighter colours; mother and/or a servant should be available but the child should have privacy and individual creative play. "Safe were those evenings of the pre-war world / When firelight shone on green linoleum," wrote John Betje-man in Summoned By Bells. This childhood referred back to Rousseau's and Wordsworth's ideals, but it was now made available to a wider market, and pro-

moted in fiction and advertising. The psycho-professions were then in their own Infancy, and bears were rendering emotional services well before psychologists described them as "transitional objects": these are both "memory mothers" — a reminder of the mother's availability when she isn't there — and blank substitute selves with which to experiment socially. "And turned to Archibald." Betjeman went on,

"my safe old bear . . . Whose woollen eyes looked sad or glad at me, / Whose half-moon ears received my confidence." Bears were permissible toys for boys; early US ones came dressed

as firemen, cops or members of Roosevelt's Rough Riders cavalry. They were wild things with growl ing mechanisms, though their claws were soon no more than vestigial stitches. (Roosevelt, by the way, loathed the beasts.) Within a decade they were any middle-class baby's first possession: there are uncountable studio portraits from 1910-25 of child and bear.

Look at these and you will see that the bears resemble less a muzzled grizzly than their child own-ers. Their expressions, gestures and postures are those of a child old enough to sit unsupported and perhaps just able to walk. Another transition was made in adult heads; the bear "became" the child. or a euphemism for the child. Think how often an abandoned or damaged bear is used in ads, movies or newspaper photos to sug-gest something we cannot endure to see, whatever our bloody enter-tainment tastes: the corpse of a child. Or how such toys, or funerary flower offerings in their shape, now mark the death of children.

And bears, battered and furless,

childhood selves. One of the key texts is Evelyn Waugh's novel Brideshead Revisited, in which he describes the 1923 Oxford of his own youth. Charming Sebastian Flyte, aged 19, scion of an ancient, sad, line, enchants the narrator by taking him for a picnic and a spin to the ancestral home with Sebastian's bear Aloysius, between them: Take care he's not sick."

Waugh uses Aloysius anecdotes to establish Sebastian's appeal. The narrator first hears Sebastian's name and title from an Oxford barber, who has had "ample chance to tire of undergraduate fantasy", but was "plainly captivated" by "The Marquis of Marchmain's second boy"; Sebastian tas just ordered an Aloysius "with a spanking when he was snikv".

Since the rest of Waugh's Oxford character-through-objects, like the narrator's Medici Press edition of A Shropshire Lad, is spot-on, presumably the bear was precisely observed. Now a Victorian undergraduate, if moneyed or well-connected, could have been barking but would have passed unremarked if his eccentricities were robust. The public appearance of Aloysius however, had to wait until a display of quasi-innocence was acceptable in young men. By the 1920s, when a generation had had the innocence beaten out of them in the Great a retrospective state of grace. The

bear was seen as belonging not only to a child's personal Age of Innocence but already to an historic Golden Age of security. Sebastian is in love with his own childhood," remarks Marchmain's Italian mistress. "That will make him very unhappy."

bears with melancholy, and some blessed state soon to be lost, seems to have been a prevailing mood. In 1923, Alan Alexander Milne ar-old pro-writer was a 41-year-old pro-fessional writer amateur golfer. In youth, he had used his natural facility for dashing off earn a good living at

Punch with froth about girls called Cynthia and Dahlia, and had gone on to write internationally successful plays about buttered toast and housemaid trouble. Milne was an innate paci-fist, but had felt obliged to ioin up in 1915; by 1916, he was a signals expert on the Somme, repairing the front's crude teleremain as spirit repositories of

under fire before Mametz Wood, a name which res-onates still with horror That winter, he was invalided home with rrench foot. The money he earned through written nonsense paid for a very dependent wife; a son, Christopher Robin, born in 1920; and a brother slowly dying of TB. Milne drifted in 1923 into writing verse for children. His first collec-tion, When We Were Young (deco-rated by Punch artist E H Shepard). had such a direct line to the times that many copies were bought by adults for adults, and Milne was immediately a cult, a man attributed with access back to innocence. Those who read the poems felt that Those who read the poems rest that Christopher Robin... "saying his prayers". was innocence. Kermit and Teddy Jnr. Roosevelt's sons, called on Milne en route to shoot

tigers in Indo-Turkestan, to get their copies signed: Theodore was almost in tears because he only had an American first edition. A sequel made his fame so intense that on Christmas Eve 1925, the main banner headline across the front of the London Evening News simply read "A Children's Story by A A Milne". Milne, pressed for time and inspiration,

bought in Harrod's for the boy's first birthday Milne's workload not being daunting that winter, a book con-

had written down a bedtime story

about Christopher Robin's bear,



soon ready and he supervised its production, working with E H Shepard, for whom he did no much care — Shepard had enjoyed his war. The collaboration contin ued through the sequel, The House At Pooh Corner Pooh's appearance was based on Growler, the gen-uinely loved toy of Shepard's own son; but Pooh's osychological iden tity, as you may understand by reading CR Milne's painful autobi ography The Enchanted Places, was Milne's construction. I don't want to sound like a pastiche scholar in The Pooh Perplex, but true innocence has been transferred from the child Christopher Robin to Pooh. As Milne's biogra pher Ann Thwaite writes, Pooh is at once "childifike, egotistical, hun-gry, boastful and self-deprecat-ing... brave and unselfish", and accepts "things without really understanding them" — much of the Great War soldier about that

last one.

Most of us share with Dorothy Parker an allergic reaction to Milne's private-world-in-Chelses mannerisms: "And it is that word 'hummy', my darlings," Parker snarled, "that marks the first place... at which Tonstant Weader fwowed up." But the last two pages of Pooh do express a boy/man's sense of loss as he moves towards the values and work-schedules of the adult world, leaving the bear behind in safe stasis, custodian and representive of what he once was: "I'm not going to do Nothing any more," says Christopher Robin, "Well, not so much. They

don't let you." Which is why, I suppose, the Japanese with their genius for knowing when they see a symbol for transitoriness, for the pathos of things, are arctophiles (bear lovers) to a man. The two commonest words in Japanese litera-ture are "sadness" and "nostalgia". Paddington is nostalgically sad, too; according to Michael Bond's recent autohog-raphy, Bears And Forebears, his suitcase and displacedness were

unconsciously based on world war two refugees stranded in Paddington, where Bond lived when he wrote the first book in 1958. I had always wondered why, since he was a Peruvian emigré, Paddington's native language did not seem to be Spanish. Of course, it

must have been Yiddish. And I forgot an important fact. You remember Teddy's bear, the freed. Somebody dispatched it with a knife.

Last week, Keith Burstein attacked atonal music as élitist. Composer Thomas Adès tells him to go back to cranking out laments for Bosnia

# The art of noise

Provocations

N 1919 the German composer Hans Pfitzner was writing a can-tata, On The German Soul, which he hoped would take the world by storm. Avid for popularity, he pub-lished an attack on his struggling contemporaries Schoenberg, Berg and Webern. Look at Schumann, he told them. Every drawing-room in Europe has its copy of Traumerei; everyone loves it, and what's more, even you must admit it's a master piece. Alban Berg responded with an analysis of Traumerel, proving it a brilliant bit of technical engineering. Schumann sets himself task after task; these are apprecia-

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gists, failed to notice were the great heaps of musical detritus written for the very market Schumann gave Traumerei. Thousands of dispos-able pieces, written by men without ambition or imagination — Ludwig Berger, Wilhelm Taubert, Julius Rietz, author Willian Sterndale Bennett, for that matter

English music was crippled for two centuries by the ugly national mistrust of art. Try naming a single world-class masterpiece of English music between 1700 and English music between 1700 and James Beament (Letters, Thurs-1899, You can't; there isn't one. day) into claiming some "logical

ble by the connoisseur, but only subliminally to the amateur. There isn't a wasted note.

What Pfitzner, like the current craven tribe of easy-listening apologists, failed to notice were the great heavs of musical detribts written.

English ear with their shameless Continental professionalism. Sir Thomas Beecham was right: "The English can't stand music, but they absolutely love the noise it makes."

"Music" is what Berg found in Träumerei: something deeply pri-vate, internal, secret, necessarily obscure. "The noise it makes". on the other hand, is what misleads dilettantes like the journalist Keith Burstein and the academic Sir



connection" between the naturally occurring overtone series and what they call "beautiful music"

I'm sure Sir James's knighthood was "logical" given whatever his achievements in agriculture have been, but he certainly didn't get it for his musical acumen. Only a don could still need to be told that art has precious little to do with logic, and music least of all. Their appeal to science would be more convincing if either of them could get their facts right: both fudge the

numbers. The fact is that the over- | decade, once a century - can be as tone series is infinite; rich in what Burstein called "dissonances"; besides, it can be used to support any system at all.

As for the anti-style in which Burstein's own compositions floun-der, somewhere between an organ-ists' improvisation manual and an A level aural test, it's about as nat-ural as Bobby Crush in plastic shoes. His claim that Mozart's work owes its beauty to the overtone series is a harmless lie, but to call middle-of-the-road popsters Oasis the best of new British music? That's what I call a wrong note.

For the first time in her history Great Britain's new music leads the world. Its range, refinement and boldness are as never before and contriess are as never octore the envy of every other culture; it may take decades but one day every member of the public will feel the benefits of this international success. This situation implies a culture brave enough to allow art to seem strange, difficult, even unsettling. A new score - a great one might appear once a year, once a | a piece for the CBSO and Simon Rattle

galvanising as a new planet, and as bewildering. Now, mediocre artists always attempt to capitalise on ves-tiges of public suspicion. Take Mr Burstein. His real concern isn't music, nor the noise it makes, it's money. He must know deep down, that his music doesn't deserve any prizes; but he and his Hecklers will get by booing nonogenarians, cranking out laments for Bosnia. Marchioness Requiems, Elegies for John Smith. Even if handguns are banned, there will always be another disaster for the Hecklers to hymn. But the rest of us should remember how long this country's philistinism fixed its musical status somewhere between Iceland and Bulgaria. We are finally on top: it's time for the cowards to start facing the music. No one knows what it will sound like: it may or may not have tunes; but it must, and will, be free.
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# **Street** life

VERYTHING was slower then. And the service at the corner shop was no exception. "Are you going to buy that loaf?" asked Tricia Hopkins finally, breaking off from a hard day's gossiping over the counter. "No, I'm just standing cuddling it because I've mistaken it for a cat," said Emily Bishop, more sharptongued than memory serves. "Well, give us 17 pence and we'll call it Tiddles."

But it wasn't just the price of bread and the tart exchanges that told you this was an episode of *Coronation Street* (Granada Plus) from 1976. It was a whole wealth of detail. This was a period when Pat Phoenix was Elsie Howard rather than Elsie Tanner, when Gail was merely a Potter and Deirdre was married to Ray Langton and his unfeasibly large eyebrows. It was a time when world-weary Len Fairclough would whisk Elsie off in his scruffy Commer van to try to fan flames from the embers of their romance.

Everything was slower then. Scenes started and for several moments no one spoke. In one, Hilda sat at the table slowly turning the pages of the paper, while Stan sat in the rear of the shot, looking at her and smoking leisurely. There was not a thought between them, still less a word, for at least 15 seconds. Only a very bold director would fill a scene with such peaceful nothingness nowadays. Earlier, Hilda had asked Stan

what he wanted on his toast. "Dripping or jam?" They must have been out of low-calorie shovelling or pouring vast quantities of unhealthy filth into his mouth. There was once a choice scene at the Rover's when Hilda bought Stan half. The import of his subsequent complaint was: woman, you have callously slashed at my very vitals, more than impugning my masculinity. Manhood came in pints in Stan's world.

There was an unexpectedly affecting scene in which Hilda asked Emily, Tricia and Annie Walker what they thought of a lacy smock she had bought to try to look younger. It was a hideous thing that made her look merely silly. But only Tricia had the cruel kindness to tell her what anybody else with eyes to see was thinking: you are mutton dressed as lamb, Mrs Ogden. Jean Alexander's face ran through embarrass-

ment and shame and back again before she fied from the shop to change out of the top for good. Coronation Street is being supplied in Stan-sized portions, far too big for anyone to take in without seriously damaging. without seriously damaging their health. Granada Plus is screening two episodes every weekday evening and one at breakfast, plus a weekend omnibus. Tonight it is showing a three-hour themed evening entitled The Lives And Loves Of Ken Barlow. And all this before Coronation Street 1996-style is broadcast four times a week. It's

going to be very hard to ignore Coronation Street in future. Which is more than can be said for Albion Marker (Granada Plus), a soap that didn't take. On Thursday they showed the first episode from 1985, a clamouring instalment crammed with establishing detail. It was a sad experience; all that effort, all those ghosts who never became memorable enough to haunt us.
Frasier (Channel 4), too, had

its ghost, the spectral Diane, who had left Fraiser at the alter in Boston only to track him down in Seattle years later. She was a playwright now and had recreated the bar at Cheers as the set for ber latest work. For Frasier, as for us, this was an uncanny experience and not a pleasant one, like interfering with the bones of the dead. Though the first half of the show was a elegantly witty as ever, the second collapsed into supposed poignancy. Emotional truth should have no place in Frasier's screwball world.

Hormone conquest Cortes triumphs again ... but only

in the field of public relations. Judith Mackrell finds the 'sex god' merely mortal

## The hype

T'S HARD to look dispassion-ately at any man who's been personally dressed by Armani, has been described as "pure sex" by Elle MacPherson and is alleged to turn on women by the thousands wherever he dances. Wouldn't you have to have problems with your hormones not to love him too?

But there's another reason why it's hard to get a straight view of flamenco star Joaquin Cortes he's been obscured by such a blizand of hype. For weeks, his publicists have been trumpeting the advent of "a pagan sex god" and his photograph — a study in blackbrowed intensity and sensual arro-gance — has been smouldering on the walls of every tube station in London. He's been advertised as one of the world's greatest dancers and the man who's transformed the art of flamenco. (In Spain. they're so thrilled with their new export that they're named a public square after him.) Yet there's probably not a dancer in the world who could live up to

such image-mongering — and in cold fact there's nothing in Cortes's show Gypsy Passion that matches the thrill of his poster. Nothing except perhaps his first entrance. As dry ice swirts goth-ically around a stageful of flicker-ing candles, we suddenly spot Cortes stalking slowly down the long centre aisle of the Albert Hall, aring only a black sarong. With wearing only a black sarong. With his dark hair flowing, his face chis-elled in a beam of golden light he makes out like some ancient deity. Primed for sexual frisson, at least some in the audience squeal...

However Cortes's absolute gift for posing turns out to be the key to what is otherwise a surprisingly small talent. In serious dance terms he certainly possesses rare qualities of stillness and sculptural ciarity which mean that when he braces his arms in his signature "Ragle" pose or arches beckwards in fervant supplication, he can genuinely make an audience hold its breath. But the rest of his technique scores only average points. Much has been made of the fact that he's both fismenco and ballet trained, that he can turn a decent pircuette as well as stump nifty per-cussive riffs with his feet. Yet he rarely attempts anything more taxrately analysis anything more tak-ing and he's frequently outdanced by the two other men in the show— his uncle, flamenco vetaran Chris-tobel Reyes, whose footwork is far speedier and more subtle, and ex-Bejart dancer Marco Berriel.



Surprisingly small talent . . . Joaquin Cortes is frequently outdanced by his uncle

Even more surprisingly, given our lavish expectations, there's barely a whiff of animal magnet-ism about his performance. Cortes just doesn't look hungry. His movements don't eat up the space. and though he may flirt with us, we don't feel the force of his will. In fact, his most electrifying moments are those where he appears in close-up on the two screens that beam out live images of the show. Cortes is a star of

He may look better in someone else's choreography, but his own (and this is the next disappoint-ment) is unsophisticated and dull. His much vaunted "flamenco fusion" turns out to be very traditional-looking moves with some added rock-star preening for him-self and a few extra high kicks and jumps for the women in his com-pany. (Sensibly, his co-stars Reyes and Berriel dance their own choreography.) Cortes doesn't invent, he just strings together steps.
Of course, the show isn't meant

to be judged as pure dance, more as a rock spectacular with its big lighting effects, amplified band and catwalk costumes and, as such, it has been trashed by purists. I have to admit here that my own bias is also for the dourest kind of fla-menco. What I really love are those dumpy cross-looking women who come on stage as if they were going to market, and then unleash demons on to the stage — their feet trampling ancient griefs, their arms ululating rites of passion. I love those middle-aged men who look as if they might choke on their pride but who dance like angels. I love the intensity of a single dancer hammering rhythms so fast and complex that you feel the surrounding space ready to shatter.
But flamenco obviously can't
exist in a time warp, and where
Cortes's show makes really interesting progress is in its music. Composed by Pepe "El Montoyita" and Juan Parrilla, it adds flutes, violin and double bass to the tradi-tional guitars, and builds up a complex play of rhythms and colours. The singers, particularly the women, raise the hair on the

back of your neck.
Yet they are essentially singing in a vacuum. When you see and hear a really great flamenco show the performers become almost impersonal conductors of rhythm and emotion. They plug into a his-tory, a culture much larger than themselves. The disappointment of Gypsy Passion is that even with its high-tech trappings it doesn't add up to a powerful event. The emotion is too glibly manufactured, the climaxes too stage-managed and the images too facile. Even the water, which sprays to such suggestive excess from Corres's hair, does-n't look like real sweat — he hasn't danced hard enough to produce it. So, however expertly he works on his audience, drumming up little bursts of hysterical applause, his dancing doesn't cast a spell. On Thursday the crowd were fidgeting and chatting, and some even walked out. Cortes may sell out wherever he dances, but it is a triumph of hype over experience.

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# Wilde at heart

aspirtn, Night Nurse.
When you're poorly and under the duvet, there's no balm like a predictable radio

play — the hammier the better. But not every subject can be given the treatment with impunity, and it was a little disturbing to hear The Trials of Oscar Wilde (Radio 4) rendered into an adequate but pedestrian drama, with Wilde himself a series of end-to-end aphorisms (which not even the performance of Simon Russell Beale could animate). It sounded a little as if Wilde's sexuality was being domesticated for the Radio 4 audience, but it was a long, two-part play, and maybe it soared in its later stages. I couldn't make myself perse-vere long enough to find out.

In The Art of Sitting (Radio 4) by Claire McIntyre, one of theatre and radio's rising stars. Sam (short for Samautha) recalls the fruity early days of a relationship — all sex, drugs, and teasing — soured by the arrival of a baby. She ends up in her 40s as a bewildered single mother, ferrying her musi-

cally gifted son from piano class to cello lesson. There was a freshness in Sam's nicely intimate opening monologue, and McIntyre has plenty to say about ageing and the limited choices available: her theme is disappointment ("the passage of time leaves you lonely"), though it sometimes sounded as if she should be writing a column rather than a drama. But as the play developed, so did my testiness, chiefly because Sam (Carolyn Pickles in good form) had a phenomenal ability to guilt-trip

and exercised it with abandon. Not content with haranguing her ex-husband (a feisty perfor mance by Alex Jennings), she also laid into the au pair and also laid into the au pair and the in-laws, demanding recogni-tion of her heroic industry in raising a little musical genius. McIntyre was clearly spelling out what's really involved in mothering, but she did it so heavy-handedly that it ended up recogniting like a self-nitying dissounding like a self-pitying dia-tribe which we were being invited to admire. Hard to believe that Sam was supposed to be a teacher of the Alexander

Technique — badn't anyone taught her the art of letting go? Tenacity is the distinguishing mark of George Harrington in the first of Bill Taylor's new ertes of plays *Hu* (Radio 4), based on true stories about the Manchester community. It's 1969 and the Corporation wants to compulsorily purchase his terrace

street in the sky, le a high-rise. But George, a powerless patri-arch — abandoned by his wife and battling with his teenage kids — will have none of it, and ends by barricading himself with his rifle against all comers. This was a play bathed in hindsight: everyone reckons George to be batty, but we know that he's the little fellow

rebelling against a modernism and welfarism that never delivered, creating anomie instead of utopia. Michael Fox's production had vigour: its unvarnished, direct style gave it a tang of truth and lifted it above your average afternoon play. Given my lack of enthusiasm

for so many radio plays, why wasn't I more delighted by play-wright John Fletcher's excoriating attack on Third Programme drama in *Third Words* (Radio 3)? Fletcher, rightly arraigning most dramatists for not using the medium's strengths, savaged Davids Hare and Edgar along with almost every other prominent dramatist, while indicting the subsidised theatre as a provider of work for upper-class twits now that the empire's been lost. Heaping hyperbole upon invective, he was clearly trying to be controversial; absurdly overstating his case, Fletcher also implied that he alone had found the Holy Grail. And if I hear that cliché about radio again — the one about them having all the best pictures — Pil throw my tranny at the speaker. That'll give 'em pictures.

# Is this the best live band in Britain? Probably. **David Bennun** gets down with The Prodigy in Brighton

# **Prodigious talent**

The future

this is a sardonic joke. Long one of the most popular bands in the UK, The Prodigy received paltry mainstream media coverage until Firestarter hit Number One earlier this year and its unnerving video finally shot them into living rooms across the

cied the idea of a front room stage set. The Prodigy don't lumber themselves with unnecessary sophistication. That's part of their

appeal.

They came out of the early nineties hardcore techno scene, where every record had to be louder, faster and harder than the last, and are the only act to survive that era in recognisable form. This is mainly due to Liam Howlett, one country. More likely, they just fan- of the great musical wunderkinds



of the age, who, despite his deter-mination to hang on to his under-ground credentials, simply cannot stop himself writing astonishing pop songs. To him, rhythm, melody, and sound are all of a piece. His tracks are monolithically inviolable, and if they don't make you want to jump out of your skin, you should check that

you have a pulse.

Far from being exhausted by a

summer on the festival circuit, The Prodigy, have returned more thrilling than ever. Since the release of their 1994 album, Music For The Jilted Generation, they have been the most exciting live rock'n'roll act in the country, Oasis notwithstanding. Not bad for a band whose music is produced almost entirely through a large bank of gadgets. The Prodigy have one musician, Liam, and three frontmen. MC Maxim is the vocalist. Mainly, he shouts. He has a rubber-and-iron larvnx, flexible and unfeasibly durable. Not once does he lose his pace or his pitch. He's not a rap-per, nor does he attempt to be; he's more an MC in the old-fash-ioned sense. He holds things together and keeps them moving. Meanwhile Leeroy, a man constructed from pipe cleaners, per-forms unique, undulating dances as if he learned to use his limbs via a correspondence course.

Then there's the other dancer, promise that the next Prodigy Kelth.

Keith is the face of The Prodigy, a gurning, studded, violently-coiffed face. He perfectly rapresents the notion of the band as electronic punks. His catchphrase is "Aaaaaarghi" and he uses it to best effect on Firestarter. Even this pales beside the slower and more incendiary Poison — mockingly dedicated to one C J Bolland, who borrowed from it on his recent hit, Sugar Is Sweeter, much as Jesse James used to borrow from banks

nary piece of work.
The venue was packed with

early to mid-teens, the only people with the energy levels to truly appreciate a Prodigy gig. The band have reached this audience with-out a hint of pandering or compromise. They no longer bother to play any of the huge hits from their first album. That's nostalgia. The Prodigy are perfectly modern. It's everybody else who needs to

keep up. The Prodigy play Brixton Academy — and the ferocious Voodoo Peo-ple, while a clutch of new tracks tomorrownight.



Michael Billington on how actors are learning to play American

# Yankness — we got it

# The revival

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AN British actors embrace the punishing physicality of Sam Shepard's Fool for Love? I had my doubts at the National in 1984 when they seemed to be playing a difficult away-game. But in Ian Brown's echoing revival at the Donmar Warehouse, Lorraine Ashbourne and Barry Lynch, who is actually Irish, get much closer than their forebears to the bruising frenzy of this strange piece of desert Strindberg. They play Eddie and May: two

working as a cook. He has travelled over 2,000 miles to reclaim her and whisk her off to Wyoming she both resists and needs him for reasons that become brutally clear. Shepard finally reveals that the grizzled old dreamer who watches over the action sired them both and that they are irrevocably

bound together by blood and lust. Shepard is writing about the destructive obsessiveness of love:
as May says, "I get sick every time you come around then I get sick when you leave." But the play also mouse game in a motel room on music, picking up various motifs neon plays across the characters' of clanking spurs — and equally 1732) to November 30. operates like a piece of mood-

the edge of the Mojave desert. He is a stundman-cum-cowboy: she is macho notions of ownership and macho notions of ownership and infidelity, the idea of quest and pursuit, the preference for dreams over reality Eddie succumbs to the rural idyll just as his and May's father is haunted by the notion that he was once married to the country singer Barbara Mandrell.

Shepard gives us essence of America in 90 minutes; and Ian Brown, in his first production since leaving the Traverse, artfully suggests the play exists in some borderland between the real and the imagined. Every slam of the door in Robin Don's cheap motelset carries a reverberant echo,

faces, guitar-sounds twang in the night air almost like the breaking string in Chekhov's Cherry Orchard.

But the hard part is conveying the mix of eroticism and violence. British actors are well equipped to do the savage pillow-fights in Pri-vate Lives: less so Shepard's form of vale laves less substitutions and self-laceration. But Ashbourne catches May's blend of teasing toughness and self-abasement. Dressing for a date, she snaps her stocking-tops shut with provoking guile yet also huris herself at doors, walls and floors with merciless abandon: her drawl may be erratic but her body language is perfect.

The real test for Eddie comes when he lassoes the bedpost with a steer-rope in an attempt to impress May. American actors do it with negligent ease: British actors with furrowed brow. Lynch, however, persuades me that he belongs on horseback — even his walk is a riot that he is drawn to May by primal need. At the end you feel that what you have witnessed is a rimal of pursuit and retreat that will go on

as long as they live.
Gawn Grainger also has exactly
the right leathery shiftiness as the
Old Man who is the source of the tragedy, and Martin Marquez does all that is required as the docile lawn-tender who is May's moviedate. But what is intriguing is that British actors are gradually learning to acquire American rhythms. They still have problems, as Laughter On The 23rd Floor shows, with reflex wisecracks. But just as Suchet and Rigg capture the alco-holic love-hate relationship at the heart of Who's Afraid of Viriginia Woolf? so Ashbourne and Lynch are here driven by a similar mixture of longing and loathing. The Americanisation of Britain, it seems, has its artistic pluses. Donmar Warehouse, London (0171 369

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# India add to Scots' roll of dishonour

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ceivable advantage in yester-day's round of the Dunhill Cup, the team representing the home of golf, at the home of golf, in typically raw, unruly Scottish weather con-trived to lose to a team of unranked and unremarked Indian players.

Furthermore Colin Monigo-merie, the world No. 2 and the four years, lost to Gaurev Ghei, who has won in Chandigarh and Kathmandu but never dreamed of a moment

Montgomerie birdied the last to break 80 but Ghei, plainly nervous, played the final hole with a drive that finished up against the out-ofbounds fence to the right of ingly strong winds. But trail-the first hole, two scuttled ing by one shot meant that shots on to the green and two

tentative but successful putts. That left the contest balanced at 1-1 and Andrew Coltart had to go to extra holes with India's best player Jeev Singh. Both hit the first green but Coltart, from 35 feet, left his first putt four feet short and then missed that one as

that chance. Singh, also obvi-ously nervous, had an eightfoot putt for a birdie on the last to win outright, but hit it

Montgomerie afterwards. It only needed Peter Sallers to add "Goodness gracious me!"

The wind should have been a help to the Scots but hin-dered the whole field. Helping on the front nine, it brought about some horrendous back nines. Mark Mouland and Jonathan Lomas both took 45. Emanuele Canonica 43 and

even Nick Price needed 41. England, despite a solid lead from the top from Barry Lane, surrendered their last

David Davies at St Andrews | St Andrews in 63 with a six at the 17th. This time the Ameri-HERE have been again double-bogled the Road many Scottish sport- Hole while Lane, remarkably,

Lomas and Steve Stricker a long list of scorelines like were busily passing the par-Costa Rica 1, Scotland 0 and cel, with the American going were busily passing the pargolf, add another imperish-able: India 2, Scotland L. Despite having every con-bogey, and then Lomas hit two successive drives out of bounds at the 14th. That meant a nine and the effective end of the contest.

Now it was down to Lee Westwood and Phil Mickelson, the latter the leader of the American Money List this year and a winner of four tournaments. But Westwood, a tournament winner himself, does not lack confidence and despite being three down at the turn he fought back to be level after 14 and one ahead

Mickelson, one of the world's great putters, was hol-ing nothing, finding difficulty, as were others, in con-trolling the putter head and the putting stroke in increas something had to be done, and his immediate answer was to hit his second at the 16th to five feet and hole the birdie putt. The American was out-

played at the 17th, pulling his second and chipping weakly to 12 feet. But, knowing that he had to hole it, and despite it being a right-to-left putt - a hit it confidently into the

By now a piper was practis ing on the embankment behind the R & A clubhouse and never done much for the English. Westwood was shorter off the tee than Mickelson at the 18th which had two advantages, giving him the chance to play a full shot and get maximum spin and to play, and get his blow in,

Instead he left his ball 15 feet short of the pin and Mickrun, ran his to five feet. It earned him a vocal salutation of "Yeah" from a lone Ameritwo matches rather tamely to the United States. Lane had to take on Mark O'Mesra, who Westwood had, of all things. on Thursday had gone round | left his first putt short.



What do I do now? . . Japan's Kazuhiro Takami seeks inspiration from his inscrutable caddie 👚 PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID CANNON

# Kite flying spurs Ballesteros to recall former glories

THE GLORY days have lately been fewer and further between but the competitive fire still burns fiercely within Seve Ballesteros, especially when a Ryder Cup opponent is around. When the eagle and two birdies in the

rama, the Spanish sorcerer can be relied upon to summon strokes of genius from his remarkable repertoire. He scored a second-round

66 in the Oki Pro-Am at La Moraleja yesterday, sink-ing a 20-yard bunker shot rival captain for next It propelled Ballesteros, rounds of the year," said credit me for his revival."

year's match at Valder- | who scored the last of his | Ballesteros, who holed 54 European Tour victories in the Spanish Open in Madrid 17 months ago, one shot ahead of the 46-year-old Texan and into the halfway lead alongside Yorkshire's Stuart Cage, the Swede Joakim Haeggman and another Spaniard Pedro Linhart at six under par.

from six yards to hirdle the 14th, and also for his eagle three at the 16th after clearing the water with a metal four-wood. Then he charged down a 10ft putt for his fifth birdie at the ahort 17th. "I know how much we

Sport in brief

# **Top Olympians lash** 'confused' Britain

OLYMPIC competitors have condemned the "fragmented and confused" structure of British sport and criticised administrators as they called for immediate action to smooth the way to the Sydney Games of 2000. They want less bureaucracy, more financial help for elite athletes, and a key role for the new UK

nnancial neip for eine athletes, and a key role for the new UK Sports Council.

The blueprint for success was drawn up by members of the Top 100 Club at a one-day seminar in London following Britain's disappointing performance in Atlanta. It was chaired by the rower Jonny Searle, who won a bronze, and included three silver medallists—the athletes Iwan Thomas and Jamie.

Baulch as well as the war-hisman Ban Airchia. Baulch as well as the yachtsman Ben Ainslie.

# Clubs skating on thin legal ice

CLUBS unlawfully terminating playing contracts affecting their members are being threatened with "the strongest possible action" by the Ice Hockey Players Association. "It's disappointing that so early in the season some chibs are releasing players or terminating employment without following their own contractual terms and conditions," said the IHPA secretary Joanne

that terms and continuous, "sain the IHPA secretary Joanne Collins yesterday, writes Vic Batchelder.
"Clubs are openly inviting legal proceedings and the IBPA will be instructing its solicitors to act on behalf of those players who have valid claims for damages," added Collins, who identified the Castlereagh, Dumfries and Kingston clubs as being among those she considered at fault.

## Super League an 'exhibition'

THE AUSTRALIAN Rugby League yesterday launched a 12-team competition for 1997 after its naming sponsor, Optus, dismissed Rupert Murdoch's rival Super League as "a series of exhibition matches". The ARL chief executive John Quayle said its Premiership would begin on March 14 in direct competition with a likely 10-team Super League in Australia.

Geoffrey Cousins, chief executive of Optus, said of the Premiership: "This is the real thing." While the full Premiership programme will not be released until next week, it will kick-off with a match between Parramatta and North Sydney.

## Benn hauled before board

NIGEL BENN must appear before the British Boxing Board of Control next month over an alleged bust-up in a London nightch in which a man was reportedly left needing 106 facial stitches. Bean will appear at the next board meeting shortly after his WBO super-middleweight title rematch with Ireland's Stave Collins on November 9 in Manchester.

## Mongia's maiden century

NAYAN MONGIA's maiden Test century put India in commend of the one off match against Australia in New Delhi yesterday. The opener and wicketkeeper hit 137 not out to lead India to a second-day total of 319 for six, 137 ahead. Mongia's previous highest score in 13 Tests was 30 against West Indies at Bombay in 1994. He received admirable support from Saurav Ganguly, who

The Sussex fast bowler Ed Giddins will have his appeal against a 20-month ban for taking cocaine heard by the TCCB on Novem-

## Johnson breaks tour record

BRITAIN's Trish Johnson hit mine birdies and a hole in one to break the American Express Tour record with an 11-under-per 62 in the opening round of the French Open at Arras yesterday. Seven of Johnson's birdies came in the first 13 holes then she holed an eight-iron tee shot at the 121-yard 14th.

# Jackman on course for final

NORFOLK's Cassie Jackman routed Garmany's Sabine Schone 9-2, 9-2, 9-5 and then saw an unexpected path open up to the World Open squash final when the defending champion and No. 1 Michelle Martin was also beaten in Malaysia yesterday. Martin 4-9, 10-9, 9-5, 9-5, in only 46 minutes.

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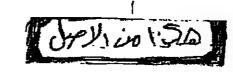
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# Papering in trim for another Cumani coup

Chris Hawkins

UCA CUMANI, the Newmarket trainer, has a good record in the Princess Royal Stakes and Papering has the form to give him a fourth success in the Group Three race at Ascot this afternoon. Papering was runner-up in the Yorkshire Oaks and the Nassau Stakes before putting up arguably her best effort in the Prix Vermeille at Long-

champ last time when third to She was promoted to second on the disqualification of Zafzala and the form of that race was not let down when the sixth, Luna Wells, went on to finish fifth in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.
Any appreciable softening of the ground will suit Spout,

quate mile and a quarter, but | Lad (2.30), who had a three on a line through the winner she should find it hard to give 10lb to Papering, who also found Last Second two lengths too good for her at Goodwood. Altamura holds Time Allowed and Russian Snows

ago. Ridden by the inspira-tional Frankie Dettori, she looks the main danger to Papering (3.00). Henry Cecil is gradually losing the battle with Saeed bin Suroor in the trainers' championship but High Roller (2.00) should make up some ground for him in the opening Autumn Stakes.

High Roller stays a mile well, as one would expect of a son of Generous out of a Vaguely Noble mare, and hacked up by five lengths over the trip on his debut at Yarmouth last month. who was two lengths runnerup to Last Second at Newmar-ket last week over an inade-

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months lay-off before finish-ing second to Air Express at Yarmouth. Before that he was fifth in the Norfolk Stakes at the Royal meeting after winning in fast time at Ripon. The Willmott Dixon Handicap looks tough but I give another chance to my Portland selection Lago di Varano (3.35). He finished third in on her victory here two weeks

the big Doncaster sprint and meets the winner, Musical Season, on 51h better terms. His most recent run in the Ayr Gold Cup can be ignored as he was badly drawn.

A big York card looks something of a bookmakers' benefit but Midyan Blue (2.15)

would go close in the opening Equity Financial Handicap if reproducing his half-length second to leading Ce-sarewitch candidate Jiyush here last month. A victory for High Roller at Ascot would be a boost for his In the Cornwallis Stakes

Two more owners take horses away from Pipe MARTIN PIPE'S wife | be carrying on as normal, | Bound For Gold to Henri-Carol yesterday played | trying to get as many win-

was not well at the champion jump trainer's yard after two more owners took their borses away from the Somerset stable.

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8 303712 SCRARIO WERF (42) P Bensmort 6-11-6
3 007-2 BARRIONES (16) (RF) Mess L V Russel 7-10-12 ...
4 007-94 GREATMOS LINCKY J Wales 8-10-12 ...
5 007-94 GREATMOS AVAINABLE (11) M Soversby 6-10-12 ...
7 055/2-5 BOYAL SCRAFFEE (6) W Reed 9-10-12 ...
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2 822-11 COMMUNIC (77) (D) M Hammond 7-10-12
3 0PPTPP - CHEMINAL BURCK (180) J. M. Johnson 7-10-12
4 KENG RAT J O'Sone 5-10-12
5 83-5121 SUAS LEAT (11) J. Jefferon 1-10-12
6 4/11-7 SUPPRICEO (B) (CD) L. Lungo 8-10-12
7 CARTON VERTIFEE (11) (RF) 2 Whoods 4-10-17
8 4555-9 COURT JOKER (11) H. Alexander 4-10-11
9 USD(P4-P WERTLEWIND ROMANICE (36) W Keng 5-10-7

lettings 11-16 Rocket Ren, 7-4 Wise Advice. 7-2 Willie Sparkle

1 1035-2 BALLERDOO (8) (D) R Armon 7-11-10
1 1035-2 BALLERDOO (8) (D) R Armon 7-11-10
2 104-(2) TRALERDOO (6) G Nove 6-11-9
2 104-(2) TRALERDOO (4) W Kemp 5-10-13
4 F629-4 SHELTON ARBENY (44) W Kemp 5-10-13
5 20998-1 CROFTON LAKE (8) (CD) J Doon 6-10-2

4.55 M SITU HAMBICAP BURDLE 3m C2.106

Bestings 11-8 Scrabe View, 3-1 German Legend, 6-1 Bestieros, 8-1 Clouroche Locky, Royal Surprise, 12-1 Golden Savenmah, 14-1 More Joy, 33-1 Sandary Track

4.25 METRO CENTRE 10TH METROAY HANDICAP CRASE 2m 4/ 110vin 53.123



(2.45) in the Surfachem Maiden Stakes, and the David Loder stable could land a quick juvenile double with Reliquary (3.15), dropped in class after finishing last of four to Bahhare at Doncaster.

case can be made for Grand Yarmouth victim Teofilio There should be plenty of value in the Crowther Homes Handicap and Impulsive Air (3.45) looks tempting after his neck second to Gladys Althorpe in a 25-runner affair at Doncaster.

There is not much differ-Bisgrove has removed his class, owned by Darren Mercer and also David Bridgwater who has signed up to ride Mercer's horses.

Cumani . . . good record

Gd-Sti.

CHECK THES BANDS Leg 1th out ren on well, at Feiry Song 1th (Curragh 61, Cd-Sti).

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303 2-562 ASTERITA (16) D. Lode 4-9-0 W.R. Swishburn 9

304 550610 POPPY GARSIN (27) (5) (0) P Harris 4-9-0 A. Ridd 10

305 2-3141 ALTARUBA (13) (00) J. Gooden 3-9-7 A. Detion 6

306 NAACEQ (15) A Scoward 3-9-7 R. Rids 6

307 5-31400 REMOTENKA (51) (0) D. Univo 3-9-7 R. Rids 6

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309 12235 PRIOLINA (14) (D) J. Haydon 3-9-7 P. Design 7-9

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8etGarg 3-1 Papering , 2-2 Alkanura, 5-1 Spout, 6-1 Time Allowed, 7-1 Russian Snows, Probine, 12-1

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PORMI GENDE - PAPERING: Led, headed inside last, kept on well, 3rd, hd & sh rk behind My Emms. placed ZID. (Largerstein) inter, Sql., ALTABURSH (New York 2) out, led if out, ridden out to beer TiME ALLOWED (net 3io) 31, with RUSSIAN SNOWS (gave 5io) further 38 every 3rd (Ascot Intel, Go) TIME ALLOWED For the terr, cought close home, but hid by Eve Long, with PRIOLINA (sevels) 152 every 3rd. POPPY CARENY Sto & NIKOTICHICA Str. (York 18m. GoPts) SPOUTE Chested witner 8 red singn, not pepe to challenge, 21 and shid Last Second (Newmerket 1m2), GoPts).

Fm). PROCLEIÁe Progress last 21, one pace, 485 arc bhd Walf Street (Aecot Imél. Gd-Fm) NAAZEEG Clear final furiong, eased, bt Grund Spiendour 350 (Haydock. 1%m, Gd).

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407		PORTIGLET (10) (3) R Guest 4-8-9		
405		WHITE SIDE (23) (D) B blocks 3-8-7		
408		LAGO DI VARANO (21) (D) A Whoster 4-5-7		
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00 HEVER GOLF; Rudden If out, ryn on, 12 2nd io Saba Thong ar claumer (Saunt-Cloud 41, 82). SHYNEFORD DISEASE Made all, run on strongly, won by 131 from Literary Boolety (Newmarket 51, Gd-Fm). 4.10 MITTE PATED STAKES HANDIGAP 1m 25 C12,742 | 505 | 02-(65) WILCHIMA (PT) (D) P Make 5-9-0 | Pail Eddings 8
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Bettings 8-1 Torondreedle, 7-1 Medievel Lady, 8-1 Artial Dane, Zajka, Florin De Coci, 3-1 Kasintary, 13-1 Toojotas Riviera, High Premium, 14-1 Conson, Balance Of Power Willie Carson continues to recover from his serious injury. His wife Elaine said: "He is improving slowly but surely and was pleased with Alharth's win at Longchamp last Sunday. He said it was the first time the horse had everything in his favour, drawn against the rails and able to set a proper gallop."

● Blinkered for the first time — ASCOT: 5.15 Alhawa. HEXHAM: 2.20 Boethius. YORK: 3.45 Foist; 4.15 Antonias Melody, Double Blue; 4.45 Best of All.

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2.00 (\*im 44): 1, FARTY KNROSIT, Mr C Bonner (4-1 tav): 2, Country Lover (12-1): 3, Hamoodhi (6-2): 4, Warm Spelli (4-1). 16 ran. 15, 7. (6 Hannon) Tota: 04.70: \$1.50. 22-40. (\*18.0. 25.00. Dual F: 530.20. Tric: 256.40, CSF: 250.12 Tricast: CST2.18. 2.30 (67): 1, DANCCES WITH DREAMS, J Rold (12-11: 2. Electron Times (1-2 forch: 9

16 ren. Tr. 7. (# Hannon) Tota: 15.00; 21.00. Dissi F. 20.20. Tric: 28.00. CSP: 15.00. E3.00. Dissi F. 20.20. Tric: 28.00. CSP: 15.00. 12. Tricest E712.18.
2.20 (1971; 1, DARCES WITH DREAMS, J. Reid (12-1); 2, Bintang Timor (1-2 lav); 3, Bintanistin (13-2), 7 ran. 5, K. F. Chappie-Hyam) Tota: 15.20; 22.00, E1.30. Dissi F. 23.80. CSF: 11.54.
3.05 (1m); 1, FATEFULLY, I. Destrot (6-1); 3, Lorsond Lassis (20-1), 4 ran. 3, dist. (1-1); 2, Searchet Phases (20-1); 3, Parrot Jamele (6-1); 2, Searchet Phases (20-1); 3, Parrot Jamele (6-1); 2, K. S. 2.00 (2m of 140yds Chj; 1, SHOW)
(Seed bin Surcor) Tota: E3.00; 12.00, 1

25.04.
8.20 (1m 40): 1, SHABOW LEADIER, R. Hughes (12-1): 2, Polydames (7-1 to fav); 3, Dance So Sulks (7-1 to fav); 3, Dance So Sulks (7-1 to fav), 7-1 to fav River Keen. 15 rat 2, nk. (C Eperton) Tota: 17.10; 24.30, 22.50, 25.50 Dual F. 244.30. CSF: 298.40. Tric: 227.70. Tricest: 2581.31.
GRADPOT: 284.90. PLACEPOT: 2385.50.
JACKPOTT: Not won, 25.909.30 carried over to Ascot today.

11.50. Dues F: 24.50. GSF: E11.95. APT Scanning Eitle.
4.36 (3em Ch): 1, KUSHMALOO, B Storey.
(5-4 tay): 2, Dark Oak (5-1): 3, Cappeels.
(10-1). 5 ran. 3, 1%. (C Parizer) Tote: 22.10;
11.30, E3.90. Duel F: 26.30. CSF: 26.72.
6.10 (2em 11): 4, MORTHERM FURILIER,
M Newton (4-6 Fav): 2, Look. Sharpes
(18-1): 2, Lindalgiane (4-1). 7 ran. 24, 30. (J.)
Jefferson Tote: 21.50; E1.10. 24.00. Duel F:
E14.90. CSF: £11.45.
QUADPOT: E37.50. PLACEPOT: E181.20.

4.55 (3m Ch): 1, WISE APPROACH, C C'Duyer (5-2 co-lav of bree); 2, Mertien Dresen (5-2 co-lav); 3, Change The Reign (3-1): 5-2 co-lav Gilps Valu, 4 ran, N., dist. (K Belleyi Tote: £3.90, Dust F: £2.30, CSF: £2.35. 18:30. (2m 110yds): 1, SCOUNDREL, C O'Dwys' (13-8 inv): 2, The Brewmater (8-1): 3, Sombadii (25-1). 22 ran 13, 4 C Salley) Tots: (250; 52:10, 51:50, 51:54). Dual F: 511:70. CSF: (21.20, Tric: \$192.90. DUALDBOTT: \$183 10



# United profit from phantom takeover

TAKEOVER bid that never hapchester United's million — almost three Alan yesterday as speculation con-tinued to swirl around the

close was near the day's high, with United shares 61p up at 513p, a 13.5

sparked by reports that sev-eral companies were scram-

Norwich 3, Ipswich 1

First Division

Burns

recalls

HERISHED by the fans but distrusted by the management, Pierre

van Hooydonk will make an

ambivalent return to the

Celtic team to face Motherwell at Parkhead today.

mands for more money from

the chairman Fergus McCann

and his well-publicised slang-ing match with the manager

fine and his omission from the side for the match against

Rangers two weeks ago. The widespread belief that

his days at Celtic are num-

founded but for the time

With Jorge Cadete still

with damaged ribs, Van

Hooydonk can hardly be left

out as Celtic try to close the

five-point gap between them-

selves and the Premier Division leaders Rangers.

ternational appearance.

lem with the international

begins a three-match suspen-

clearer picture tomorrow.

Rangers will be without Ally

McCoist and Gordon Durie

and almost certainly Stuart McCall and Charlie Miller.

being he is sorely needed.

The big Dutchman's de-

rebel

Patrick Glenn

reached 517p, United took the unusual step of issuing a public statement denying that any or all of the Granada television and hotels group, the Whitbread pubs and restau-rants group, or United News and Media were about to take The club said in its state-

club. But as the share price

"While it is not our practice to comment on press speculation, we noted the recent media coverage suggesting that Manchester United have received an approach which may lead to an

of any proposals Whithread, UNM and Gra-

nada also kept their distance although City observers said their statements of denial did not rule out the prospect of trading links or a deal of Yesterday's excitement also

rubbed off on Tottenham shares, which gained 11p to 450p, and those of Cheisea, up Mark Ryan adds: Benito Carbone yesterday became the Premiership's latest Italian import when he signed a four-year contract with Shef-field Wednesday, who paid In-

the forward. Carbone admit-ted he had even taken a pay Money is not as important as the football. As soon as I cut in his desire to get away from Inter and their English me. I took my boots away coach Roy Hodgson. The 26-year-old claimed Hodgson had "let him down" since he was from Inter's training ground

and said my goodbyes.
"I am not sorry to be leaving Roy Hodgson. This season he did not behave at all well, transferred to Inter last year. At the same time the for-mer Napoli and Italy Under-21 in my opinion. He promise international praised the per-suasive powers of Wednes-day's manager David Pleat. me things, for example that I would play plenty of matches for Inter. But it never hap-"I could not be happier." said Carbone. "I cannot play pened. Recently Hodgson has not paid me any attention at this weekend because the registration is not through in time, but I should be in action feel I have that with David Pleat."

bling to secure control of the | pany. The board is not aware | ternazionale £2.5 million for | where David Pleat plays me. | is set to end his unsuccessful | by joining Venezia in a deal ately worth £900,000 half the fee Forest paid Torino at the start of last

season.
Silenzi is to go back to Italy
on loan until the end of this season with a view to a per-maneut signing. The former Italy striker started only four Premiership games and has been dogged by injury. Chris Waddle will make his

debut for Bradford at Birmingham today after agree-ing to join Chrus Kamara's side on a month's loan. Wad-dle has spent the past few

photographer Stewart Weir from their ground for three months for going onto the pitch to cover supporters' invasions during last week's match against Lincoln.

photo documentary about the raise £40,000 for the youth development fund, has protested that the ban does not make sense as no punishment has been handed out to a film crew that went into the centre circle after play was held up in the first half.

Talking about Tallinn

Soccer Diary

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schard Williams on

Martin Thorpe

Estonia certainly gave the lie to the old cliche about it being a game of two halves. The question is, though: what would have happened in Tallinn if Scotland's cap-tain John Collins had lost the toss? Or Collins had won the toss and invited

And do you know the first feature film to be produced in newly independent Esto-nia? Yes, it was "Darkness in Tallinn". These are just some of the many magnifi-cent facts to emerge from this Baltic non-exchi

And how about this prediction from the Estonian FA's vice-president Mart Tarmak in the match pro-Glasgow to get acquainted with Scottish football and And we hope to surprise our friends on the play-ground." They certainly did (with help from Jack Critchlow of Torquay and Lindsay Davies of London).

SPARE a thought for the Ipswich manager George Burley. On Tuesday he left on a double scouting mission. First to Wolverhampion, to watch England Under-21. But a bomb scare delayed the kick-off until miss the match to catch a plane to get to another game: Estonia v Scotland.

HERE are no known pic-tures of Poland's bestknown former goalkeeper in action — no. not Tomas Hazlewood discovered this when he wrote off for information for his book on goalkeepers, In The Way. But the Vatican still tried to be helpful. It sent him a photograph of a pitch the Pope had played on.

THE annual Tory Party v Political Press game took place at Dean Court the other day. In the bar afterwards one of the Tory team asked Bournemouth's chairman Ken Gardiner: o when's my trial?" Quick as a flash, given the Tories' sleaze problems. Gardiner replied: "Dorchester Crown Court, next

ON THE Wor path: the sponsors Sunderland FC. has just appointed a new sales manager: Jackie Mil-burn, son of.

WAS it placed there especially for the Ibros faithful? In the middle of Monday's Gazza documentary, an advert for Orange.

TALKING of Gazza: "I don't want any more bad publicity or hassle. I don't want my son to grow up and hate me." And as for his love life: "I caused her a lot of upset. I used to go out drinking but now I've come to my senses, I've quietened down." No, not Gazza but Jimmy "Five Bellies" Gardiner. The pair share a friendship and, it seems, scriptwriter.

E MAY be clear about the route to goal, but he seems confused about his emotions. "Nerves? What are they?" boasted Alan Shearer. "Excitement, yes. Butterflies, sure. But I never get nervous." Hang on a minute, Alan, Let's go through this again. You never get nervous but you do get butterflies . . .

his intended flight he was SO. WHAT is the differ-ence between John Major and Brighton and their good news went. The Co-lombians did not know if the Hove Albion? John Major's Conference fears are over. And surely this cannot be plane was bound for London or Paris, but said that either way Asprilla would not be in right: Brighton fans heard singing "If you hate Bill England before Saturday

> The speaker? Archie Rotherham.

REMEMBER blood-spat-tered Terry Butcher

# Baby, just look at him now

Martin Thorpe on the striking arrival

from Norway of Ole Gunnar Solskiaer

T WAS too good to last. The arrival of baby-faced Ole Gunnar Solskjær at Manchester United must have persuaded Alex Ferguson that he had signed a saint after years of dealing with sinners such as Paul Ince and Roy Keane. Here was a player of modesty and intelligence, who lived a virtuous life off of goals on it. The only black spot on his character was a love of Guns n' Roses.

And what did the silly boy do? On Wednesday he signed as his personal manager the disgraced agent Rune Hauge. struggling with a hamstring injury and Andreas Thom the other man at the centre of the George Graham bung scandal who could face a jail term for fraud back in Norway over the sale of players to Arsenal and Nottingham For-est and is currently banned

The towering striker demonstrated his form with two goals which took Holland his saintly image, he has from one down to one up stained it now: an angel with a dirty face. Which is a pity, against Wales last Saturday. off the bench for his first in | had been a running and | make sure he was ready to shooting advert for living a life as saintly as his looks. The player was disciplined

"He is one of a new breed of said Burns, 'but he has ac-cepted that and is now look-Norwegian players coming up," says his former coach ing ahead. His goals for Hol-land were brilliant. He has scored 52 goals in his 18 Aage Hareide. "They are very ambitious, want to work on their game and their lifestyle months here and that tells is for a sportsman. They take you about his ability." care of themselves, get enough sleep and eat the right things. Burns has a further prob

quiet, does not go to discos and clubs and, when he's celeleft-back Tosh McKinlay, who sion following his dismissal brating, he'll buy some Coke against Rangers. Stuart Gray is drafted into the squad. and chips, take them home and relax. In all my years in Alan McLaren, the Rangers and Scotland defender, had the game he is the best player I've had to train: he listens, another arthroscope on his he works on his game all the damaged knee yesterday and could be out of football for a time. He is also down to earth, mixes well and is a very, very nice bloke. And there's his good deal longer than anticipated.

McLaren has not played face, y'know — Solskjaer means something about the

this season and had a cartisun and that's the way he is." lage removed in the summer Ferguson expected the 23-year-old to take at least six It was still giving him pain, so we had him in again for the surgeon to take another months to bed in after his £1.5 million summer signing from Hareide's club Molde. But five goals in eight games has surprised everyone but the T-shirt makers: "Baby-faced As-sassin" is one of the hottestter Smith. "We'll have the result of the scope and a For the match against Hibernian at Easter Road,

"He's been a revelation and

the ball. He's made all the players sit up in training and take note of his technique and finishing."

Apart from owning the fastest feet in the west — Eric Cantona likens him to Papin in this department - various experts score him highly in work-rate, mobility, skill with his back to goal, sniffing a chance, first touch and balance, which he probably gets from his father, a former Norwegian wrestling champion.
One of his main weaknesses

is that at 5ft 9in he gets knocked off the ball too eas-ily. Predictably he is working on that. Harder to handle is the field and was scoring lots of goals on it. The only black embarrassed. I don't feel I deserve all the praise. The reason I have made such a good start at United is because I am in such a wonderful team. I feel I'm still an apprentice here with so much

He may be unassuming but he knows what he wants: to play his beloved football to the highest level. When Molde, of the Norwegian Pre-mier Division, wanted to buy by Fifa from being an agent. him from the neighbouring if Solskjaer was fed up with Second Division club Clausengen in 1993, Solskjær de-clined. "He insisted on play-ing on for his local club for play in the top division here," says Hareide. "That's the way

he is, very responsible." His opening goal glut at United is nothing new. When he broke into the Norwegian Olympic side in 1994 he scored four goals in his first six games. That had the Norwegian clubs buzzing around him before his loyalty took "Ole Gunnar is also very him to Molde for a mere

£15,000 in January 1995. He scored five goals in his first two games for them last season and four in his first six games for the full Norway side. And though he played for Molde for only 18 months, he scored 20 league goals in 26 games in his last season there. Then came the big move this summer, when him in the Olympic side, beat Tottenham, Cagliari and Hamburg to his signature by offering £1.5 million, a record

for a Norwegian player.
"We just couldn't turn it down," says Hareide, "but I also know the people at United, and the way Alex Fer-guson works with young boys is very impressive. I spoke to Alex about him and I know he went to the right club."

surprised us all," says Fergu-son. "He's got lightning feet is pretty happy, too. He has happened. "It all seems a and is a marvellous striker of recently moved into a plush dream," he says, "but I love



The baby-faced assassin . . . Solskjaer's instant impact at Old Trafford is acknowledged by Cantona

Silje, has been enthusiasti-cally embraced by his new team-mates, especially Can-tona whom he singles out as being of particular help, and

new house with his girlfriend | the football here, playing with | den periods without scoring. | do my best to make sure I don't these great players, and Old An added problem is that, be-trafford is my favourite cause of the Norwegian sea-ground. I'm never going to son, he has not had a break

Football, however, comes complete with downs as well as ups, and for strikers that

from football since January. well find the going tough. and for strikers that Again, predictably, Solskjaer One wonders how long that unexplained and sud- is already aware of this. "I will last now Hauge is around."

have a dry spell in front of goal but in football you just never know. I am very pleased I have made an early impact but, if I So, come the winter, he could | don't play in the next match, I won't complain."

now on another.

One wonders how long that

That was about as far as

afternoon. So Derby he mus

miss, Budapest too possibly, but he will surely be on Kee-

from their FA, stating that though Asprilla had missed

Oddie clap your hands"?

E WILL try his hand at management himself one day, he says, but it will have to be the right job. Not for him a dead-end lower-division club where you can be the greatest manager in the world, but where it is difficult to get success and they just get somebody else'. From Ian Ridley's book, Season in the Cold, 1992. mill, recently sacked by

who went fearlessly through any pain barrier to play for England? Well, he had to pull out of the midweek game between the English press and Polish press. He had a voice-train-

# Cardiff block Neal's move

Russell Thomas

HIL NEAL found himself in soccer limbo yesterday when Cardiff City obtained a High Court injunction blocking his move to Manchester City as assistant to Steve

And Francis Lee's club may face action by the football au-thorities over Neal, who resigned as Cardiff's manager on Monday to link up with Coppell, his former England

Cardiff have reported the matter to the Football League, claiming Manchester City attempted to poach Neal. A statement issued by Car-

diff's solicitors, Morgan Bruce, said: "There would appear to be a clear breach of the Football League's Rule 94. This rule prevents other clubs from directly or indirectly inducing or attempting to induce any employee of another club to terminate his

Cardiff confirmed that they have not consented to Neal's move and insisted they received no formal approach from Lee.

# Shearer rules out new operation | Asprilla misses flight and leaves Keegan up in the air

ALAN SHEARER yester-day dismissed fears about his health. It had been thought that the New castle and England striker might be out for six weeks after he visited a specialist in London but he said: There is nothing to worry

Shearer made the appointment after scoring twice for England in the 2-1 victory against Poland at fielder Robert Tumaschek Wembley on Wednesday, from Bratislava on a fuelling speculation that he week's trial.

LANCASHIRE-BORN, his

dialect carrying no hint of another lilt, this distin-guished defender was still denied to England by his

antecedents. After wearing the proud white of his

home town he nested with a flock of gulls before flying

higher with birds of a more livid hue. He had a rare

seasonal double of winning a championship medal with

one team while being rele-

Last week: Archie Gemmill (St

Mirren, Preston, Derby, Forest

gated with another.

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tion on his groin. Both Newcastle and Shearer, who had surgery on the injury when at Blackburn, were auxious to reassure the fans and Shearer said: "I have had a check-up on my groin strain and there are no

Everton are taking the Slovakia international mid-

Performance of the week:

Alan Shearer, Rogland's

saviour against Poland on Wednesday at Wembley.

Michael Walker

AUSTINO ASPRILLA nothing if not unpredict able, yesterday neglected to return as scheduled from international duty with Colombia and was posted as "missing" by a bemused manager Kevin Keegan. Due to land at Heathrow

from Bogota at lunchtime yesterday, the 26-year-old signed last February for £7.5 million failed to show. Newcastle

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received a message that he had not boarded his flight and had not left the country.

this mean Asprilla was ruled out of today's game at the Baseball Ground but he Keegan, sounding more puzzled than angry, delivered the news at his regular Fri-

day press conference. "Faus-tino Asprilla has missed his flight back," said Keegan flatly. "We got a fax from Bogota saying he was stranded there because the plane couldn't go. But the plane did go and he wasn't on it. We Not only, said Keegan, did

Martin O'Nelli is alkely to name an un-

would also miss the Uefa Cup tie with Ferencyaros in Budapest on Tuesday because he had not collected the visa waiting for him at the Hun-garian embassy in London. This sparked some unkind speculation, given the soupedup reports of his comments on Bogota radio about life at

Newcastle. But eventually St James' Park received another James' Park received another gan's disciplinary carpet by fax from Colombia, this time tonight.

has missed training with a stomach bu but is expected to be declared fit. Chelse fire without Glainiucs Viallis and John Spen cor (hemetring strains) and Michael Di-barry (knee). But Eddie Nowton is in equal for the first time in seven months. ister U v Liverpool Afax Ferguson can call on all his big gun with the exception of Roy Keane, at recovering from lane surgery, and bro-ken-leg victim Andy Cole for late more large meeting with the leaders Liverpoo who are again without Robble Fowle whose ankle Injury remains troublesom borolinic Matteo, inserver, has recovern

The striker Chris Assistre again for Fottenham with and his deputy Rory Allen

Wimbledon are likely to name an un-changed side with Alan Kimble keeping the England Under-18 captain Ben Thatcher on the banch. Wednesday's tai-len import Benito Carbone will not figure

Matt Carbon looks likely to make room for Paul McGrath, Derby's signing from Asten Villa, who is sai to link up with ign? Silmae and Gary Rowert in a three-man costral defence. Newcastle here southed claims that Alan Shearer has softened a resur-rence of a grain injury. Sieve Howey, how-ever, does have a call Injury.

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# Talking about The art and craft of Villeneuve the natural

Richard Williams on what drives the Canadian who could become the first rookie to take the F1 title tomorrow

YEBROWS were sister or with people who raised when Jacques knew him when he was alive.

Villeneuve first turned "But when I'm working." "But when I'm working, up in the Formula One there's no room for that. I wouldn't be thinking about paddock, sloping around with his shirt untucked and the laces of his driving boots hanging loose, a slacker him at that moment if he were alive, so why should I think about him just because he's dead? Look, for sure I'm among the playboys. Yet no one has worked harder than Villeneuve to ensure that the 1996 season lived up to its promise. The presence of the Canadian rookie alongside Damon Hill added the contract of style and etc. super-proud of my dad. Of course I am. But what do they want me to do? Burst into tears at the thought of his memory every time I see the

the task of setting the parame-

ters for tomorrow's final act

at Suzuka by going all out to win the race in the hope of becoming the first man to win

the world championship in

his debut season. Putting Villeneuve and Hill

together in the best cars en-sured a poignant sub-text to the race for the world champi-

onship. Each is what the Italians call a figlio d'arte, a son of the art. But that is virtually

the only thing they share. The very different ways in which

the two men cope with the

burden of following famous fathers into the sport set the

tone for the whole year. Hill was 15 when he lost his

father. Villeneuve was 11.
Neither of them had time to
build a relationship, particu-larly with fathers who spent

most of their lives on the road. The contrast between

Hill's touchingly painful efforts to define himself in Graham's shadow and Ville-

neuve's utterly matter-of-fact

public attitude to the memory of Gilles says nothing at all

about their qualities as sons or as men but everything about what it costs them to be

Jacques Villeneuve is his

own man, as he made brac-ingly clear when asked before

the season started how he res-ponded to the endless ques-tioning about his father. "The

first time I was asked, it sur-prised me," he said. "I mean.

think about my father when

where they are.

chequered flag? Ridiculous."
The evidence of the mettle the contrast of style and atti-tude necessary to sustain a drama in 16 episodes, and it is Villeneuve who will relish behind this unsentimental attitude was on show during the season's first weekend, in Australia in March, when he set the fastest time in his first Formula One practice ses

> The very different ways in which the two men cope with the burden of

following famous fathers set the tone for the whole year'

sion, took pole position and led for most of the race before an oil leak relegated him to second place behind Hill. And, if one listened closely to the post-race words of Patrick Head, his team's technical director, one could get a sense of the way things were going to work out for both drivers. "I'm mightily impressed,"

Head said. "Obviously he's very very talented. We know Damon very well and we know how he responds to certain things. It's great to see that Jacques just loves his racing. He's got a grin all over his face. It isn't stressful for him. It's natural, as a way of life. I think he'd hate to have team again next season, pre-season testing, people

Villeneuve has something of his father's cherubic looks, and he certainly smiles a lot, 

father's skill but he's got an older head on his shoulders."
For all his street style, Villeneuve has a sharp understanding of his own value. When he decided to take rac-ing seriously, he hired a manager who would be dedicated to his cause. Craig Pollock had been his ski instructor at school in Switzerland; in the paddock they are seldom more than a few yards apart.

Together they plotted the route into Formula One, enlisting the aid of Julian Jakobi, formerly Ayrton Sen-na's business manager, to negotiate contracts and to take care of matters such as registering Villeneuve's image in order to ensure that the manufacturers of video games, for example, cannot profit from his achievements

without paying royalties.
Less endearingly, they attempted to deter a reputable author from writing an un-sanctioned biography by cut-ting off his access to family and team sources. The reason for this is not to preserve Villeneuve's privacy but in order to give a free run to an authorised book, which will be out in time for the Christmas market.

matched by that of his race engineer Jock Clear, a 33year-old Heriot-Wait graduate in mechanical engineering who learned his trade with Lola, Benetton and Lotus, and plays rugby in his spare time. The tone of the season was established during the open-ing race when Clear saw Hill

leaving the pits just ahead of his own driver and shouted to Villeneuve over the intercom: him!" They make a formidably competitive team, more obviously so than the combi-nation of Hill and his engia proper job. So he's a plea-sure to work with." Such a pleasure, in fact, that he will be working with the Williams with the Williams ging through 5,000 miles of



Something to trade . . . the born racer Villeneuve and his team's owner and mastermind Frank Williams compare notes

seniority entitled him to preferential treatment kept ask-ing the new man if he was prepared to accept a subordi-nate role. "There's no way I would race as a number two"

was the brusque reply, al-though he qualified it by say-ing that he himself was not ooking for an unfair advantage and that he was happy to race anybody on equal terms.

start at Melbourne he fell behind Hill, with four wins - at Nurburgring, Silverstone, Bu-dapest and Estoril — to set

increasingly impressive. If the outside-lane overtaking the outgoing world champion manoeuvre he pulled on where his main opposition Schumacher around the Paradapest and Estoril — to set bolica curve in Portugal last whether the Williams-against his team-mate's month was not quite the Renault is carrying the No. 1 seven. But his style has been epiphany some suggested, it on its nose or not.

will come from next season,

# RUGBY UNION: THE HEINEKEN EUROPEAN CUP

# **England take the plunge**

the Heineken European Cup has been disgraceful so far — a shameful neglect of the greatrialise in the northern

Last season the Rugby Football Union pooh-poohed the fledgling competition and refused to allow English clubs to take part. This season the European Cup was all but tor-pedoed before it began, due mainly to the bitter internal wranglings of England's administrators over money.

Bath, Dax. Edinburgh.

BATH and Dax should finish

top. Dax boast four current

internationals in Roumat, Pe-

lous, Dourthe and Ibanez. Edinburgh or Treviso could

have one major surprise up

their sleeves, as could Ponty-pridd, who have overturned Welsh rugby's pecking order and could upset a few cosy assumptions in Europe. Neil

Jenkins's brilliant tries at

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Pontypridd, Treviso

into their own cat's paw, the European Cup will lumber into vibrant life today.

This glittering series of pool matches will offer a fresh stage to some of the best players in the world, and ITV. who supported the competiregret its decision to pull the plug on the second year of a £15 million three-year

In order to make the cup more attractive to television - specifically to BSkyB, who

Leicester, Leinster, Llanelli Pau, Scottish Borders

A HARD group to predict. Leicester travel to Leinster

and Pau, while Llanelli enter

tain the French and the Irish

at Stradey Park. The Borders have Redpath, Chalmers and Shiel to run the show. The

Tigers are desperate to win

the cup after missing out on two domestic trophies last season, yet over-anxiety has sometimes been their down-

fall. Pau, pronounced "Pow!",

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NGLAND's record in | and Welsh clubs' arrogant | pean Cup Limited have intro- | to put extra steel into the the Heineken Euro- | plan to turn the competition | duced four quarter-finals, | likes of Toulouse and Cardiff, scheduled for November 16 and 17, to intensify the sudden-death ethos.

The semi-finals will be played on January 4 but no date or venue has yet been ar-ranged for the final. For that matter, the prize-money for the "richest prize in Euro-pean club rugby" remains to-specified, which typifies the chaotic development of this competition.

Even so, the belated arrival of the English and the Scots, who have entered three dis-However, despite the lack of are said to have made a five any firm television deal out year £140 million offer for quaintly named than the Caltwo in each pool p side Wales and the English transmission rights — Euro edonian Reds — is calculated the knock-out stage.

last season's champions and runners-up respectively. Bath's cherished belief that

they are "the best club in Europe" will at last be put to the test by a host of formida-ble challengers including

ble challengers including Brive, Pontypridd, Milan and high-flying Harlequins.

The format separates 20 teams into four pools of five who play each other once, broadly as in last year's World Cup. Every side will thus be given a decent cup run, with two games at home and two away before the top two in each pool proceed to the knock-out stage.

version of the Calcutta Cup.
Great things are expected of
Duncan Hodge, the 21-yearold Watsonians fly-half whose

Hastings carries his record 62 Scotland caps — one more than his brother Gavin — so

ATH should beware of Scott Hastings and his ambitious young crew of Edinburgh all-sorts when they line up for today's opening European Cun match at the Recreation Ground The Edinburgh captain

talks up Bath's power and class and at the same time emphasises his side's lack of experience with such persuasion that one suspects another Scottish plot is being hatched to down the English. Taking on a Scottish dis-trict side drawn from the likes of Heriot's, Watsonians

and Boroughmuir will be a new experience for Bath. Although the English team draw their players from many nations as well as rugby league, this intriguing con-frontation will be treated by the talented Scots as a mini-

late drop goal clinched a Scotland A victory over South Africa two years ago, as well as Graham Dall, the brilliant young Edinburgh open-side who recently captained Scotland Under-21s. And Hastings, who will be 32 in December. does not look out of place as the elder statesman of a side that he will lead for the sea-son, probably because he has the enthusiasm of a man in his mid-20s.

lightly that a stranger would find it hard to believe that he is one of the most uncompro-mising defensive centres in European competition is a



Robert Armstrong on the Scotland centre who leads out Edinburgh at Bath today

he points out.
"We have a young and exciting squad with an average age of 23 or 24, some of whom played in last summer's Students' World Cup in which Scotland reached the semi-finals" he went on to explain finals," he went on to explain. "I am impressing on the boys that they will find the Rec has a special atmosphere and playing Bath is like being up against a team of internationals rather than a club side.

"Still, we've had six or seven squad sessions together and we'll give it everything we've got. We have great young prospects in the side such as David Leigh and Gra-

the world. "I have a few things to offer in attack too," but I'm confident we will rise to the challenge and we have exciting home games to come against Treviso and Pontypridd. Europe is the way for-ward — it represents our future."

Edinburgh have also been

given a hand by Hastings's club Watsonians, who recently invested £100,000 in state-of-art floodlights which will be used for their home games in Europe as well as the district championship. Hastings has been a fervent Edinburgh loyalist since making his district debut 11 years ago and in the late Eighties led the side to three succes-

Captain There has been a lot of friction up here between clubs and districts over who should represent Scotland in the European Cup. he 'It's not an ideal situation

to leave the clubs feeling frustrated, but I believe the ar rangements we have in place are the best for this season Next year our representation in Europe could be changed as the game here, as else-where, is in a tremendous

Unlike some of his compa-triots, Hastings is optimistic about the health and pros-pects of Scottish rugby. "Our development programme at under-21 and under-19 levels and lower down is producing youngsters of great promise while, at the top end. Scotland are in good shape after touring New Zealand and bring ing on new players there,"
says Hastings, who won that
62nd cap in Auckland in June
after missing the first Test

with a leg injury.

"I think it was a big advantage that the Scottish squad came together in August for the Dunblane international ithe Gavin Hastings-led Barbarians won). We were able to huddle down to serious preparations early on and I'm sure that will stand us in good stead for next month's inter-

national against Australia at Murrayfield," he added.

It hardly needs saying that Hastings is determined to be there, but first there is an led the side to three successive grand slams, much to the claimed at the Rec. He is. chagrin of the rest of however, far too diplomatic to Scotland.

# Bulls have their eyes on Carling

Sardis Road should warn anyone that the Wales fly-half does not rely on his cultured boot to win big matches.

beat the toughest pack in France and the speedy Bernat-Salles and Dantiacq to exploit the hatchet work.

THE former England rugby union captain will Carling could reverse the current trend by turning out for Bradford Bulls in the Super League next the rugbe league club has

summer.

The Bulls yesterday confirmed that their captain Robbie Paul, currently playing for Harlequins in the rugby league close season, has approached Carling going north. "Will has been plagued with rugby league stories all his career," he said. "He's not gone yet, so why should he

TRANSFERS (as et Friday, Oct 11, 1985):
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Barneley; Graham Kavanagh, Middlesbrough to Sicke; David Holdsworth, Waslord to Shelf Utit, Micky Law, Cheekerfield
to Hereford; Paul McGreth, A Villa to
Derby; Serplo Pirch, Fatima PC to Bradford
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David James Lorimar, Hamilton to Rattu:
Alian Sanar, Preston to Certisle (after
completing his loan period at Northampton). Leanuse Andrew Carpill, Dundee to
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Portadown; Robin Van Der Laun, Devoy to
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Brive, Caledonia, Neath, Harlequins, Ulster BRIVE's international backs Penaud, Viars and Carbonneau make them dark horses for the final but Harlequins, who glitter with the French polish of Cabannes and Bene-zech, also look strong enough to reach the quarters. The decider for second place could well be Neath's trip to Brive, though the French club would still have the Ulster hurdle to overcome at Ravenhill. The Llewellyn brothers, now of

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OKI PRO-AM (Madrid): Second-round qualifiers (GB/ins unless stated): 138 S Cage 89, 89; J Hanggman (Swe) 89, 69; S

# Cardiff, Milan, Munster, Toulouse, Wasps THE group of death, headed by Toulouse. N Tamack, Cali-

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fano, Castaignède and Co have been French champions three years in a row. Wasps, who expect a 12,000 crowd for tomorrow's game against Car-diff at Loftus Road, will do well to finish second. Milan, too, could gum up the works with their Italian Test players when they play hosts to Si-gnor Dallaglio and his mates, but Munster's record against Harlequins face their old club Neath at The Stoop, which should be fun.

Overseas sides suggests that they may do Wasps or Cardiff a favour at some stage. overseas sides suggests that

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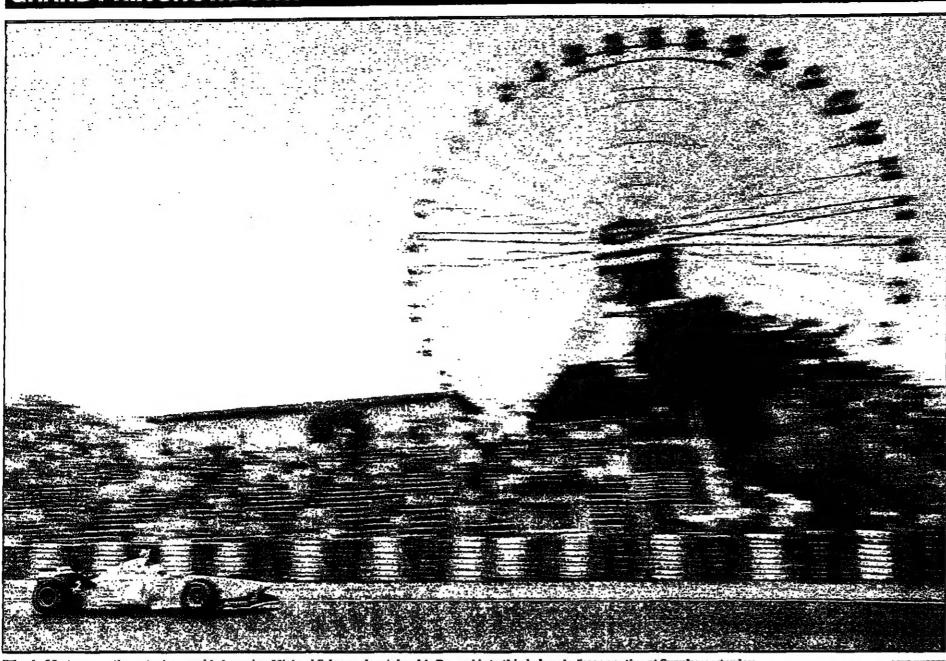
St Andrews Scotland go down and out to India



Baby faced assassin Life at Man Utd with Ole Solskjaer

The Guardian





# Hill gets in condition for all weathers

conditions complicated the normally well-ordered routine of Friday's free-prac-Japanese Grand Prix here. leaving the championship contenders Jacques Villeneuve and Damon Hill an uncertain fourth- and fifth-

The Williams drivers usually play their cards close to their chests on Fridays, cacies of the set-ups of their chassis rather than getting drawn into meaningless battles for the fastest time.

NTERMITTENT rain and point in attempting to fine this."
wildly-changing track tune the chassis for conditions that could have altered significantly before the cars had accelerated back on to the

> Even so Hill, who has to gain just one point to clinch the title even if Villeneuve wins the race, finished the day in a cautiously-upbeat mood. "I think that was a good start," he said. "I am quite happy with the car at the moment, and in both dry and wet conditions it was

Yesterday, with the track so I have a good feel for what | Michael Schumacher's Fer ceeding the speed-limit in the that he may conceivably belo surface drying throughout the car might feel like in the rari could complicate the pit lane.

Villeneuve, whose previous experience at Suzuka was when he contested the Japa-nese F3 championship, was equally sanguine. "The track feels good and so does the car," he said, "but we didn't do any set-up work today. I would obviously prefer a dry qualifying [session] because we have a very good car."

Given dry conditions, the race could reasonably be ex-pected to yield a straight fight between the two Williams drivers. Yet the signs are that "It was half-and-half condi-tions and at the end I elected Renault, Mika Hakkinen's to go out and do a longish run | McLaren-Mercedes

mon to win the world championship, " said Frank Wil-liams, Hill's employer until tomorrow. "He has matured very well over the four years he has been a grand prix driver for Williams, I think Tom [Walkinshaw of TRW Arrows] has got a very fine

product coming towards him. I am very pleased for him." Berger, who won here for Ferrari in 1987, had the satis-faction of setting the fastest time yesterday, even though it was at the personal cost of a discounted either, particu-\$5,000-fine incurred for ex- larly in a wet race. The irony

the championship was not

est yesterday, is hoping that lost on the Ferrari driver who McLaren's three-year absence was third fastest. "But I think from the winner's circle might be over. The Finn had finished a superb second here last year behind Schumacher's Benetton.
"The car performed as well

as I expected as it seems to suit this kind of circuit," said Hakkinen, "although we still have to resolve some prob-lems between the level of grip and the car's handling balance.

Schumacher can never be

the knowledge that Walkinshaw is unconcerned whether the Arrows car carries the

with a grin.

"Number one on a car means nothing whatever to me," said Walkinshaw, who

Damon fully deserves to win

the title this year," he said

Hill can reassure himself in

also announced that Hill will be partnered by the Brazilian Pedro Diniz, "because Frank Williams is number one." No arguments there.

# Gone-blond Gascoigne grows grey



David Lacev

2007, was Paul Gascoigne's 40th birthday. Sipping the slim-line tonic which has bee his strongest tipple for 10 years or more, the man once described as the Hero of the Stupid recalled the week which changed his outlook.

"People probably won't member it now," he said "but it was that programme about us on the box that did it There were shots of me chang ing me baby's nappies and I had lots of letters asking me how I'd managed to find the right end. That really got us down. Then we played Poland and it was funny, they all seemed a lot faster than I

Glenn Hoddle it was who introduced Gascoigne to a new way of life. Hoddle, you will recall, was the England coach appointed in 1996 to qualify for the World Cup in France two years later. Which he did. only to resign after England's

They went out to Germany on penalties, David Seaman missing the vital kick. In fact David Beckham should have taken it but the names got

mixed up. "Glenn said that provided I looked after meself and didn't abuse me body I could go on playing until I was 35," Gas-

coigne explained. In fact he retired from the game at 37, having become a more or less permanent substitute for Rangers as they won their 17th successive

He did not, as Hoddle had predicted, play in the 2002 World Cup. Hoddle's succes-sor, David Batty, favoured the more direct approach, so Gas-coigne's last full game was in Dublin, against Hammam Academicals in the Champions

And the new England coach? "I think Eric's the right man," said Gascoigne.

"And now he speaks English nearly as good as me," Gascoigne — "Pleasedon's

call me Gazza, he no longer exists" — has sent his eldest son to Eton. "I did think of had too many bookings." At this point two elderly beagles staggered to their fee and asked to be let out. "That's Mel and Len," said their master. "They've been faithful companions. I'd hate to see them put down." He has of course, received hundreds of birthday cards. There are greetings from Sir Graham Kelly, the former chief execu tive of the Football AssociaHilfinds

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vices to football in King William V's first birthday honours list after the abdic tion. And there is a card from an old ecclesiastical chum, the Rev Vincent Jones. essor at Lancaster Gate, apol ogises for being too monster. monster busy to attend a dis-

tion who was knighted for ser

creet birthday supper party, strictly TT. In any case the stunned by the loss of a legend the memorial service for Ken Bates — Shocking ousiness —and will read the lesson should Matthew Harding be

be taken from the Book of "What was it Wittgenstein aid?" Gascoigne mused.
The world of the happy is quite another than the world of the unhappy. I've been thinkin' a lot about that since l

did me Open University

too overcome to attend. It wil

degree in modern philosophy "Only the other day me wif was in the East End, doing her charity work, you know. when this old man seiling the Big Issue comes up to her. Are you Mrs Gascoigne? Yes, she says. Well, give my regards to Paul, he says, 'And the next time he sees Tel would be say Alan sends his regards and hopes there are

no hard feelings." Gascoigne then excused himself because he had to get ready for the opening night of Terry Venables's latest West End club. "You probably know the place. Used to be called Stringfellow's."

As a pig wheeled in a lazy circle above the driveway it was hard to imagine a more fulfilled human being.



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## Euro 96 profit bodes well for World Cup hopes

Martin Thorpe

ENGLAND's dreams of hosting the 2006 World Cup were greatly enriched yesterday by the news that Euro 96 made a record profit of £69 million.

Uefa's ability to turn a handsome profit on a tournament in which England matched the best teams on the field and avoided trou-ble off it will go down well with Fifa when it chooses a venue for the second World Cup of the new century.

When it comes to bidding for the World Cup, there can be no better example than proving we can organise a tournament that was a huge success, in terms of crowds, atmo-sphere and finance," said the Football Association's

Steve Double. Of the 1996 profit, leaves the FA next month £47 million will be split be-tween the 16 competing nations, England's run to the semi-finals earning the

FA £4 million, the winning Germans collecting £6 million and and

The other £22 million will go into Uefa's Special Fund, dedicated to the development of the game in eastern Europe's emerging nations — new floodlights in Tal-

ling perhaps?
Despite fears that the FA would make a loss, it made a £500,000 profit on staging the tournament and will receive a further £750,000 from Uefa. Each of the eight host stadiums will also share £5 million for ground

Uefa predicted a large profit from television rights, advertising and sponsorship given the in-crease to 16 competing teams. But it had only budgeted for 70 per cent ticket sales per match when in fact games were 90 per cent sold out.

The tournament's success also boosted the game in this country and the economy as a whole, said Double.

It was also a personal triumph for the tournament
director Glen Kirton who

**Quiz Answers** 

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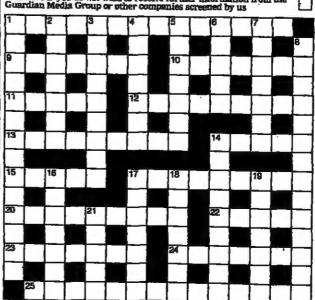
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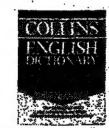
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